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## Introduction

The decade of 1986 through 1995 saw growth and change in the Society for Range Management. Many of the changes reflect technical aspects of range management in response to how rangelands and the uses of rangelands are perceived by the general public. The leadership for this period was provided by the succession of Presidents and Vice Presidents, and Directors (Tables 1 & 2).

**Table 1. Presidents and Vice Presidents of the Society for Range Management 1986–1995.**

Year	President	First Vice President
1986	F. E. Busby	Jack R. Miller
1987	Jack R. Miller	William A. Laycock
1988	William A. Laycock	Thomas E. Bedell
1989	Thomas E. Bedell	Rex Cleary
1990	Rex Cleary	Stan Tixier
1991	Stan Tixier	Jack L. Artz
1992	Jack L. Artz	Gary Donart
1993	Gary Donart	David A. Fischbach
1994	David A. Fischbach	Fred C. Bryant
1995	Fred C. Bryant	John R. Hunter

**Poem on Stan Tixier (Too-shay)**

Fifty years and along the way  
 We've gathered folks like Stan Tixier  
 Whose poetic works are world renowned-  
 Especially in most cowpoke's town.  
 His words of wisdom guide our steps.  
 His humor is as good as it gets.  
 From bucking broncs to wayward cows  
 We've learned about the whys and hows  
 That make the range a challenge to us  
 And why it's not wise to make a fuss.  
 He's raised us up when we're feelin' down  
 That's why we plan to keep him around.  
*by Marlene Richards 8/4/96*

**Table 2. Directors of the Society for Range Management 1986–1995.**

Years	Directors
1984-86	John R. Hunter, Dick Whetsell
1985-87	Rex Cleary, Robert Ross
1986-88	Tommy G. Welch, Gary Donart
1987-89	Marilyn J. Samuel, Kenneth D. Sanders
1988-90	Kendall Johnson, Ed Nelson
1989-91	Charles E. Jordan, Phillip L. Sims
1990-92	Murray L. Anderson, Will Blackburn
1991-93	Barbara Allen-Diaz, Deen Boe
1992-94	Dennis R. Phillippi, E. Lamar Smith, Jr.
1993-95	Luis Carlos Fierro, John L. McLain
1994-96	Linda H. Hardesty, James O'Rourke
1995-97	E. T. Bartlett, Meg B. Smith



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## Executive Vice President

The Executive Vice President of the Society provides continuity between elected administrations and conducts the daily operations of the Society. Peter V. Jackson, III, retired in 1992 and was replaced by Charles B. Rumburg.



Peter V. Jackson, III



Charles B. (Bud) Rumburg

## Annual Winter Meeting

The technical and social focal point of the Society for Range Management is the annual winter meeting (Table 3).

Table 3. Annual winter meetings of the Society for Range Management 1986-1995.

Year	Location	General/Program Chair	Attendance
1986			
Feb. 9-14	Orlando, FL	Scott Penfield/Lewis L. Yarlett	1,128
1987			
Feb. 8-13	Boise, ID	Jack Lavin/Clair Whitlock	1,414
1988			
Feb. 21-26	Corpus Christi, TX	Tommy Welch/C. Wayne Hanselka	1,493
1989			
Feb. 19-23	Billings, MT	Chuck McGlothlin/Chuck Hitch	1,512
1990			
Feb. 12-16	Reno, NV	Jim Linebaugh/John L. McLain	1,918
1991			
Jan. 12-17	Washington, D.C.	Douglas V. Sellars/Charles B. Rumburg	1,002
1992			
Feb. 9-14	Spokane, WA	Chad A. Bacon/Grant A. Harris	1,614
1993			
Feb. 14-19	Albuquerque, NM.	David F. Jolly/Ray T. Margo	1,661
1994			
Feb. 13-18	Colorado Springs, CO	E. T. Bartlett/Donald G. Smith	1,616
1995			
Jan. 14-20	Phoenix, AZ	John W. Bohning/John H. Brock	1,670

## Summer Meeting



The second focal point of the Society are the annual summer meetings and tours (Table 4).

**Table 4. Summer meetings and tours of the Society for Range Management 1986–1995.**

Year/date	Location	Chair	Attendance
1986			
July 20-24	Jackson, WY	Chuck Birkemeyer	
1987			
July 12-16	Arcata, CA	K. O. Fulgham	
1988			
July 15-20	Minneapolis, MN	John Gunderson	
1989			
July 14-18	Kamloops, BC, Canada	Bob France	
1990			
July 27-31	Monterrey, Mexico	Guillermo Nava	
1991			
July 12-16	North Platte, NE	James T. Nichols	256
1992			
July 18-21	Park City, UT	Thomas C. Roberts	265
1993			
July 9-13	Springfield, MO	Thomas N. Shiflet	175
1994			
July 15-18	Edmonton, Alberta, Canada	Murray L. Anderson	140
1995			
July 21-23	Salt Lake City, UT In conjunction with the Fifth International Rangeland Congress	Val Jo Anderson	52

## Youth Activities

The sparking of interest in rangelands among the youth of the world and the education of future range managers has long been a major emphasis of the Society for Range Management (Tables 5 and 6).

**Table 5. Chair of the Student Affairs Committee Society for Range Management 1986–1995.**

Year	Chair
1986	Robert Knight
1987	Kelly Roberts
1988	Jan W. Pratt
1989	Jennifer Pluhar
1990	Jennifer Pluhar
1991	Paul V. Loeffler
1992	Michael C. Stroud
1993	Kerry L. Schwartz
1994	Charles H. Butterfield
1995	Walter H. Schacht

**Table 6. Winners of the Outstanding Undergraduate Teaching Award given by the Society for Range Management and the Range Science Education Council 1986–1995.**

Year	Recipient
1986	James Stubbendieck
1987	John C. Buckhouse
1988	Wayne T. Hamilton
1989	J. Wayne Burkhardt
1990	Phil R. Ogden
1991	Fred E. Smeins
1992	Lee E. Eddleman
1993	No award
1994	No award
1995	Paul S. Doescher



As part of the activities to interest youth in rangelands, the Society has sponsored various competitions. These include identification of range plants, a written examination contest, oral presentations, a display contest, and the high school youth forum. These competitions test students, of various levels of education, on their comprehensive knowledge of rangeland environments, problems, and solutions (Tables 7 through 13).

**Table 7. Winning teams of the Range Plant Identification Contest 1988–1995.**

Year	First	Second	Third
1986	Universidad Autonoma Agraria Antonio Narro	New Mexico State Univ.	Texas A&M Univ.
1987	Texas A&M Univ.	Universidad Autonoma Agraria Antonio Narra	New Mexico State Univ.
1988	Universidad Autonoma Agraria Antonio Narro	Montana State Univ.	New Mexico State Univ.
1989	Universidad Autonoma Agraria Antonio Narro	South Dakota State Univ.	Montana State Univ.
1990	Universidad Autonoma Agraria Antonio Narro	Montana State Univ.	Universidad Autonoma Chapingo
1991	Universidad Autonoma Agraria Antonio Narro	South Dakota State Univ.	Universidad Autonoma Chapingo
1992	Universidad Autonoma Agraria Antonio Narro	Universidad Autonoma Chapingo	South Dakota State Univ.
1993	Universidad Autonoma Agraria Antonio Narro	Universidad Autonoma Chapingo	Univ. Alberta
1994	Universidad Autonoma Chapingo	Universidad Autonoma Agraria Narro	Texas Tech Univ.
1995	Universidad Autonoma Agraria Antonio Narro	Universidad Autonoma Chapingo	Univ. Alberta

**Table 8. Winning teams in Society for Range Management Undergraduate Range Management Examination 1987–1995.**

Year	First	Second	Third
1987	Colorado State Univ.	Texas A&M Univ.	Montana State Univ.
1988	Texas A&M Univ.	Montana State Univ.	Colorado State Univ.
1989	Utah State Univ.	Colorado State Univ.	Univ. Alberta
1990	Utah State Univ.	Univ. Alberta	Montana State Univ.
1991	Univ. Alberta	Utah State Univ.	Univ. Antonio Narro
1992	Univ. Antonio Narro	Univ. Alberta	Utah State Univ.
1993	Univ. Alberta	Utah State Univ.	Montana State Univ.
1994	Texas A&M Univ.	Univ. Alberta	Montana State Univ.
1995	Univ. Alberta	Colo. State Univ	South Dakota State Univ.

**Table 9. Winners of the Combined Undergraduate Range Management Examination and Plant Identification contest 1989–1995.**

Year	Recipient
1989	Edward Bork, University of Alberta
1990	Greg Millholin, Montana State University
1991	Misty Linaberry, South Dakota State University
1992	Shawn Weishaar, South Dakota State University
1993	Cody Bateman, University of Alberta
1994	

University of Alberta 1st Place  
URME Winners, 1995.**Table 10. Winners at the Master and Ph.D. level in the Society for Range Management Graduate Student Paper Contest 1987–1995.**

	M.S. Category		Ph.D. Category	
	First	Second	First	Second
1987	K. E. Ragotskie	A. G. Thorhallsdottir	P. G. Jefferson	E. R. Flores
1988	Brian Dick	Hal Gordon	Will E. Cohen	V. J. Anderson
1989	G. L. Holmstead	J. F. Weltzin	B. Mihlbachler	A. Spangler
1990	V. M. Kituku	S. J. Popovich	W. M. Limbach	S. N. Mirza
1991	R. B. Mitchell	C. J. Perez	Margaret Livingston	R. K. Engle
1992	Mark Francis	J.R. Hendrickson David Hirschfeld	J. Murphy	Karen Launchbaugh
1993	K. C. Olson	K.J. Wrage	R.K. Engel	J.E. Brummer
1994	Kelly Crane/Robert Pierce		Ghulam Akbar	
1995	David Gay	L.A. Webster	John C. Boren	J.J. Villalba

**Table 11. Winners in Student Display Contest for Society for Range Management.**

Year	First	Second	Third
1988	Univ. Arizona	Utah State Univ.	Colorado State Univ.
1989	Utah State Univ.	Colorado State Univ.	Oregon State Univ.
1990	Univ. Idaho	Oregon State Univ.	Colorado State Univ.
1991	Utah State Univ.	Colorado State Univ.	Univ. Nebraska
1992	Utah State Univ.	Arizona State Univ.	Colorado State Univ.
1993	Univ. Arizona	Utah State Univ.	Univ. Idaho
1994	Arizona State Univ.	Univ. Arizona	Univ. Idaho
1995	Univ. Idaho	Utah State Univ.	Oregon State Univ.



**Table 12. Winners in Student Public Speaking Contest of the Society for Range Management.**

<u>Undergraduate</u>			
Year	First	Second	Third
1993	Bridget McCann		
1994	Julie Nelson		
1995	Lynn Schneider	Brenda Younkin	Kristen Miller

**Table 13. Winners in the High School Youth Forum sponsored by the Society for Range Management 1986-1995.**

Year	First Place	Second Place	Third Place
1986	Judy Deboch	Mary Kimball Susie Blstad	
1987	Krista Y. Lee	Karen D. Harmel	Darrell Schneider
1988	Brandi Linhart	Carol Bowns	
1989	Sierra Stoneburg	Janell Jones	Kelly Bott
1990	Scott Barker	Zeb Hogan	Judy Lloyd
1991	Bill Carroll	Nichia Huxtable	Zane Bone
1992	Mindy Smith	Julie Lachowski	Amy Speelmon
1993	Jason Nichols	Holly Alexander	Dustin Dean
1994	LaDane Olson	Lindi Clayton	Noell Humphrey
1995	Jenny Meyer	Jennifer Davis	Anne Wigley

## AWARDS

An important function of the Society for Range Management is to recognize members that have contributed to the society, to range science, and to range management.

### Lifetime Achievement Award

The Sustained Lifetime Achievement Award is designed to recognize long-term contributions to the art and science of range management and to the Society for Range Management. The Distinguished Service Award is a special award presented for exceptional contributions to the art and science of range management (Table 14).

**Table 14. Special Recognition, Sustained Lifetime Achievement, and Special Achievement Awards for the Society for Range Management.**

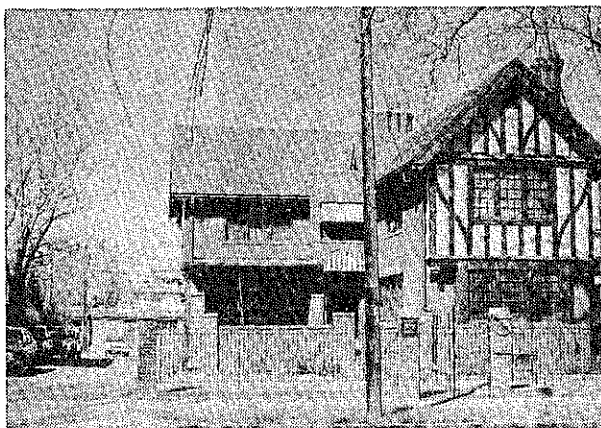
Year	Title	Recipient
1986	Special Recognition	Rexford F. Daubenmire
1989	Distinguished Service	Melvin S. and Elinor Morris
1991	Distinguished Service	Ray M. Housley
1992	Sustained Lifetime Achievement	A. H. "Fred" Walker
	Special Achievement	Peter V. Jackson
1993	Sustained Lifetime Achievement	Charles M. Schumacher
	Special Recognition	Ardell J. Bjugstad
		Pat Smith
1994	Sustained Lifetime Achievement	H. Russel Boe
		Charles S. Fisher
1995	Sustained Lifetime Achievement	William D. Hurst
		William J. Waldrip
	Distinguished Service Award	James R. Truax

## Outstanding Achievement Award

The Outstanding Achievement Award is presented to individuals for eminently noteworthy contributions in advancing the art and science of range management (Table 15).

**Table 15. Recipients of the Outstanding Achievement Award from 1986-1995.**

Year	Recipients	
1986	Harold H. Biswell C. E. Poulton Patricia Smith	M. V. Hironaka Thomas N. Shiflet J. A. Young
1987	Wilbert H. Blackburn Donald T. Pendleton John F. Vallentine	Henry F. Mayland Leonard B. Purdy
1988	Sherman Ewing John R. Lacey	Richard M. Hansen Faisal K. Taha
1989	Charles D. Bonham William K. Lauenroth Clenton E. Owensby	Richard H. Hart James T. Nichols Alma H. Winward
1990	Rodney W. Bovey Edward J. DePuit Milton J. Trlica	James E. Bowns R. Duane Lloyd
1991	E. T. Bartlett Rodney K. Heitschmidt Larry D. White	Wayne Elmore Stephen B. Monsen K. Lynn Bennett
1992	Herbert G. Fisser E. Durant McArthur Quentin D. Skinner	Erling J. Jacobson Lucio E. Rodriguez Delmar D. Vail
1993	W. James Clawson D. Lynn Drawe Larry R. Rittenhouse Michael A. Smith Larry M. White	James P. Dobrowolski Robert P. Gibbens Sam L. Short David J. Steffen
1994	Linda A. Joyce Barron S. Rector Phillip L. Sims	Frederick D. Provenza Edward F. Redente Ronald E. Sosebee
1995	Steven R. Archer R. Dennis Child Kris M. Havstad Herman Mayeux Steven H. Sharrow	John C. Buckhouse Jerrold L. Dodd Merwyn M. Kothmann Gerald E. Schuman



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## Frederic G. Renner Award

The Frederic G. Renner Award is the highest award bestowed by the Society for Range Management (Table 16). Fred Renner was one of the founding members of the Society for Range Management and the second president.

**Table 16. Recipients of the Frederic G. Renner Award from 1986–1995.**

Year	Recipient
1986	Henry A. Wright
1987	John W. Bohning
1988	Edwin A. McKinnon
1989	Elbert H. Reid
	Arthur D. Smith
	Clinton H. Wasser
1990	Thadis W. Box
1991	Gerald W. Thomas
1992	Lee A. Sharp
1993	William A. Laycock
1994	John R. Hunter
1995	Thomas E. Bedell

## W.R. Chapline Land Stewardship Award

The W. R. Chapline Land Stewardship Award was created in 1986 to provide recognition to members of the Society for Range Management for exceptional accomplishments and contributions to the art and science of range management through specific rangeland entities (Table 17).

**Table 17. Recipients of the W. R. Chapline Land Stewardship Award 1987–1995.**

Year	Recipient
1987	John L. Merrill
1988	John A. Pierce
1989	L. Billy Carr
1990	Lee A. Sharp
1991	William E. Armstrong
	Donnie E. Harnel
1992	Robert L. Ross
1993	Doc and Connie Hatfield
1994	Philip Robbins
1995	Charles M. Jarecki

## W. R. Chapline Research Award

The W. R. Chapline Research Award was established in 1986 to provide recognition to members of the Society for Range Management for exceptional accomplishments in research that result in improvement of rangeland resources (Table 18).

**Table 18. Recipients of the W. R. Chapline Research Award from 1987–1995.**

Year	Recipient
1987	Henry A. Pearson
1988	Thomas N. Johnson, Jr.
1989	Leo Brown Merrill
1990	James A. Young
1991	Neil E. West
1992	Richard H. Hart
1993	Martyn M. Caldwell
1994	Milton J. Trlica
1995	Darrell N. Ueckert

## The Society For Range Management Fellow Award

The Fellow Award is bestowed upon members of the Society for Range Management in recognition of exceptional service to the society and its programs (Table 19).

**Table 19. Fellow Award for Society for Range Management from 1986–1995.**

Year	Fellows
1986	Neil C. Frischknecht Rex D. Pieper Joseph B. Norris, Jr.
1987	Thadis W. Box Kenneth D. Sanders Wesley Hyatt
1988	F. E. Busby Herbert G. Fisser Kendall L. Johnson Don Dwyer Gary W. Frasier
1989	Thane J. Johnson Ronald E. Sosebee
1990	Gary B. Donart Gene F. Payne Russell J. Lorenz Tommy G. Welch
1991	Randall R. Hall James Stubbendieck William C. Whetsell Michael C. Stroud Faisal K. Taha J. Ross Wight
1992	J. A. Linebaugh Donald W. Nelson, Jr. J. Kent Taylor John E. Mitchell Marilyn J. Samuel
1993	C. Wayne Hanselka Charles N. Saulisberry James A. Young John R. Lacey John E. Taylor
1994	Rex Cleary James R. Johnson Larry D. White Harold Goetz Steven S. Waller
1995	Rodney D. Baumberger Allan McGinty Jennifer J. Pluhar Jim W. Doughty Ed C. Nelson

## Outstanding Young Range Professional

The Outstanding Young Range Professional Award was inaugurated by the Society for Range Management in 1988 to recognize the promise and potential of the younger members of the society. One of the major criteria for this important award is the age of nominees must be less than 35 years old by January 1 the year before the award (Table 20).

**Table 20. Recipients of Outstanding Young Range Professional Award 1988–1995.**

Year	Recipient
1988	James H. Richards
1989	Steven H. Sharrow
1990	David M. Engle
1991	Dale Rollins
1992	Joe D. Franklin
1993	Kevin D. Norton
1994	Elena Shaw
1995	Melony C. Sikes

## COMMITTEES

The various committees are the places where the functions and changes in directions of the Society are formulated and initiated.

**Table 21. Committee chairs for Publications, Accreditations and Professional Affairs for Society for Range Management 1986–1995.**

Year	Publications	Committee Chair	
		Accreditation	Professional Affairs
1986	Joe Trlica	John E. Taylor	Ronald E. Thill
1987	Clifford E. Lewis	W. H. Blackburn	Robert M. Williamson
1988	Bill E. Dahl	Harold Goetz	Michael C. Stroud
1989	John L. Artz	Harold Goetz	Michael C. Stroud
1990	J. Ross Wight	K. Lynn Bennett	Barbara H. Allen
1991	Wayne C. Leininger	John Malechek	Judy E. Nelson
1992	Edward F. Redente	M. Karl Wood	Hugh C. Thompson
1993	Ken D. Sanders	M. Karl Wood	Linda H. Hardesty
1994	James Stubbendieck	B. A. Roundy	James W. Bartolome
1995	Douglas A. Johnson	M. J. Trlica	Karen L. Launchbaugh

**Table 22. Committee chairs for Information and Education; History, Archives and Library; and Research Affairs for Society for Range Management 1986–1995.**

Year	Information and Education	Committee Chair	
		History, Archives and Library	Research Affairs
1986	Carolyn Hull Sieg	Michael A. Smith	Ben A. Zamora
1987	Richard H. Barrett	Michael A. Smith	Bud Purdy
1988	Ihor Mereszczak	Michael A. Smith	William C. Krueger
1989	Robert Hamner	Michael A. Smith	William C. Krueger
1990	Glenn A. Nader	Michael A. Smith	Charles B. Rumburg
1991	Paul F. McCawley	Michael A. Smith	Douglas A. Johnson
1992	Donald W. Nelson, Jr.	Michael A. Smith	Martin Vavra
1993	Donald W. Nelson, Jr.	Michael A. Smith	Martin Vavra
1994	Larry D. Butler	Henry A. Pearson	William A. Laycock
1995	Jerry Schwein	James A. Young	Charles J. Scifres

**Table 23. Committee chairs for International and Finance committees of the Society for Range Management 1986–1995.**

Year	Committee	
	International	Finance
1986	R. Dennis Child	Art Armbrust
1987	James A. Tiedeman	Hal Sears & James B. Newman
1988	Robert F. Barnes	James B. Newman
1989	A. J. Dye	James B. Newman
1990	James T. O'Rourke	John N. Baker
1991	Pat L. Aguilar	John N. Baker
1992	Pat L. Aguilar	Stephen Hartmann
1993	Charles W. Gay	Glen Secrist
1994	Guillermo Nava-Villarreal	Glen Secrist
1995	Sergio Soltero	Robert E. Whitson

**Table 24. Committee chairs for Partnerships and Affiliations and Honors/Awards committees for the Society for Range Management 1986-1995.**

Year	<u>Committee</u>	
	Affiliations	Honors/Awards
1986	Martin Vavra	Herbert Fisser
1987	Phillip J. Urness	W. M. Thompson
1988	Kay H. Asay	H. Dale Avant
1989	Kay H. Asay	Dale Rollins
1990	Daniel L. Merkel	David P. Tidwell
1991	Daniel L. Merkel	Neil Rimbey
1992	Daniel L. Merkel	Jim W. Doughty
1993	Daniel L. Merkel	Tommy G. Welch
1994	Daniel L. Merkel	F. R. Gartner
1995	Carolyn Hull Sieg	David L. Price

**Table 25. Committee chairs for Elections, Employment, Membership, and Nominations for Society for Range Management 1986-1995.**

Year	<u>Committee</u>			
	Elections	Employment Affairs	Membership	Nominating
1986	Royal Holl	David Scarnecchia	Marguerite Smith	Thomas Shiftet
1987	Craig Whittekiend	John Buckhouse	Buddy Arviso	Phil Ogden
1988	Debra Sherman	Chris Call	Buddy Arviso	Gale Wolters
1989	Lorenz Bredmeier	H. T. Weidemann	Donald Nelson, Jr.	R. D. Child
1990	Craig Whittekiend	Kris R. Eshelman	Joseph Kraayenbrink	Ray Mapston
1991	John Mitchell	John Tunberg	Kent Taylor	Ray Mapston
1992	Robert M. Hyde	Kenneth R. Gentz	William E. Frost	Charles N. Saulisberry
1993	Robert M. Hyde	R. D. Baumberger	S. K. Holtzman	Dick Gooby
1994	Donald G. Smith	R.G. Hendricks	W.E. Klett	N. K. McDougald
1995	Charles S. Richmond	Norm Priest	Kevin D. Norton	George W. Tanner

**Table 26. Committee chairs for Planning, Producer, and Public Affairs committees for Society for Range Management 1986-1995.**

Year	<u>Committee</u>		
	Planning	Producer Affairs	Public Affairs
1986	Bob Hamner	Dennis Phillippi	Jim Mann
1987	Billy Templeton	Gerald Henke	Jim Mann
1988	F. E. Busby		Pat Aguilar
1989	F. E. Busby		Carolyn Hull Sieg
1990	John R. Brock		Delmar D. Vail
1991			Wayne VanderVorste
1992			
1993			T.L. Smith
1994			R.H. Barrett
1995			John W. Walker

**Table 27. Committee chairs for Range Consultants Certification Panel, Technology Transfer and Rangeland Assessment and Monitoring committees for Society for Range Management 1986–1995.**

Year	Range Consultants Certification Panel	<u>Committee</u> Technology Transfer	Rangeland Assessment and Monitoring
1986	Lewis L. Yarlett	Marshall Haferkamp	
1987	Lewis L. Yarlett	Marshall Haferkamp	
1988	Jeff Powell	Marshall Haferkamp	
1989	Charles Saulisberry	Daniel L. Merkel	
1990	James A. Linebaugh	Henry A. Pearson	
1991	James A. Linebaugh	Tony Svejcar	
1992	G. E. Shewmaker	J. M. Conner	
1993	G. E. Shewmaker	J. M. Conner	
1994	Henry Dee Galt	Patrick E. Reece	
1995	Gary R. Evans	Allen Rasmussen	Willian C. Krueger

**Table 28. Committee chairs for Annual Meeting Evaluation, *Journal of Range Management* and Rangelands Editorial Boards for Society for Range Management 1986–1995.**

Year	Annual Meeting Evaluation	<u>Committee</u> <i>Journal of Range Management</i> Editorial Board	Rangelands Editorial Board
1986	C. Wayne Hanselka	Patricia Smith	Gary Frasier
1987	C. Wayne Hanselka	Patricia Smith	Gary Frasier
1988		Patricia Smith	Gary Frasier
1989		Patricia Smith	Gary Frasier
1990		Gary Frasier	Gary Frasier
1991		Gary Frasier	Gary Frasier
1992		Gary Frasier	Gary Frasier
1993		Gary Frasier	Gary Frasier
1994		Gary Frasier	Gary Frasier
1995		Gary Frasier	Gary Frasier

**Table 29. Committee chairs for Endowment Fund Board of Governors, Budget, and Commercial Affairs committees for the Society for Range Management 1986–1995.**

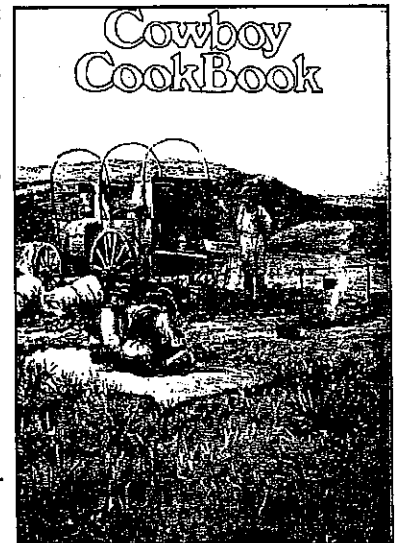
Year	Endowment Fund Board of Governors	<u>Committee</u> Budget	Commercial Affairs
1986			
1987	John Hunter	William A. Laycock	James Truax
1988	John Hunter & Nelda Linger	Tom Bedell	Larry P. Lilley
1989	John Hunter	Rex Cleary	Larry P. Lilley
1990	John Hunter	Stan Tixier	James R. Truax
1991	John Hunter	Jack Artz	Scott Eicher
1992	John Hunter	Gary Donart	Scott Eicher
1993	John Hunter	David A. Fischbach	
1994	Peter V. Jackson III	Fred C. Bryant	
1995	Peter V. Jackson III	John R. Hunter	

**Table 30. Committee chairs for Leadership Development, Rangeland Cover Types, and Rangeland Reference Areas committees for the Society for Range Management.**

Year	Leadership Development	Committee	
		Cover Types	Rangeland Reference Areas
1986	K. O. Fulgham	Barbara Allen	Barbara Allen
1987	K. O. Fulgham	Barbara Allen	Barbara Allen
1988	K. O. Fulgham	Barbara Allen	Barbara Allen
1989	K. O. Fulgham	Barbara Allen	Barbara Allen
1990	Jim C. Free	Barbara Allen	Barbara Allen & Charles Johnson
1991	Cub Wolfe		David Diaz & Charles Johnson
1992	Cub Wolfe		David Diaz
1993	Nancy Shaw		David Diaz
1994	R. Dennis Child		David Diaz
1995	Wilbert H. Blackburn		

**Table 31. Committee chairs for Trail Boss Cookbook, and Excellence in Range Management committees for the Society for Range Management 1986-1995.**

Year	Trail Boss Cowboy Cookbook Sales	Committee	
			Excellence In Range Management
1986	Thane Johnson		
1987	Thane Johnson		Gerald Henke
1988			Chuck Jordan
1989			Greg Simonds
1990			Greg Simonds
1991			Ray Hall
1992			Roger E. Banner
1993			Mont E. Lewis
1994			Angela S. Williams
1995			Patty D. Halbert



**Table 32. Committee chairs for Advisory Council and Council of Past Presidents and Charter Members for Society for Range Management 1986-1995.**

Year	Advisory Council	Council of Past Presidents and Charter Members
1986	William C. Krueger	Ed A. McKinnon
1987	John H. Brock	F. E. Busby
1988	Wayne L. VanderVorste	Jack R. Miller
1989	John E. Mitchell	William A. Laycock
1990	Glen Secrist	Thomas E. Bedell
1991	Joel Frandsen	Rex Cleary
1992	Carolyn Hull Sieg	Stan Tixier
1993	Darrell N. Ueckert	John L. Artz
1994	Martin Beutler	Gary B. Donart
1995	Robert Childress	David A. Fischbach



**Table 33. Committee chairs for Range Science Education Council, VREW, and Washington, D.C. liaison for Society for Range Management 1986-1995.**

Year	Range Science Education Council	<u>Liaison</u> VREW Vegetative Rehabilitation and Equipment Workshop/ Rangeland Technology Equipment Council	Liaison Washington, D. C.
1986	David Engle	Gerald Henke	R. M. Housley
1987	David Engle	Gerald Henke	R. M. Housley & George Lea
1988	David Engle	Gerald Henke	George Lea & R. M. Housley
1989	T. E. Fulbright	Gerald Henke	R. M. Housley
1990		Gerald Henke	R. M. Housley
1991	Mort Kothmann	Steve Monsen	R. M. Housley
1992	Fred Gifford	Steve Monsen	R. M. Housley
1993	Benjamin Zamora	H. T. Weidemann	R. M. Housley
1994	K. O. Fulgham	H. T. Wiedemann	R. M. Housley
1995	Roger Wittie	Mike Pellent	R. M. Housley/ V. M. Jennings

**Table 34. Committee chairs for National Conference, Wildlife/Wildlife Habitat, Remote Sensing, and Annual Meeting Handbook for Society for Range Management 1986-1995.**

Year	National Conference Coordination	Wildlife/ Wildlife Habitat	Remote Sensing	Annual Meeting Handbook
1986				
1987				
1988	Michael Stroud	Kieth Severson		
1989		Kieth Severson	P. T. Tueller	C. Wayne Hanselka
1990		Fred S. Guthery	P. T. Tueller	C. Wayne Hanselka
1991		Gail Tunberg	P. T. Tueller	Chuck Hitch
1992		Dale Rollins	J. H. Everitt	James A. Linebaugh
1993		T. G. Bidwell	J. H. Everitt	C. A. Bacon
1994		Timothy Fulbright	Robert H. Haas	C. A. Bacon
1995		Kenneth O. Fulgham	Calvin F. Bagley	Gale L. Wolters

**Table 35. Committee chairs for Conservation Reserve Program, Small Tract Range and Pasture, Watershed-Riparian, and Coordinated Resource Management for Society for Range Management 1986-1995.**

Year	Conservation Reserve Program	Small Tract Range and Pasture	Watershed Riparian	Coordinated Resource Management
1986				
1987				
1988	Harold Goetz	John Buckhouse	Fred Gifford	Brent Lathrop
1989	Harold Goetz	John Buckhouse	Fred Gifford	Brent Lathrop
1990	Harold Goetz	John Buckhouse	Fred Gifford	Dennis R. Phillippi
1991	Harold Goetz	John Buckhouse	Fred Gifford	
1992	Rhett H. Johnson	John Buckhouse	J. P. Dobrowolski	C. Rex Cleary
1993	Rhett H. Johnson	John Buckhouse	J. P. Dobrowolski	J. R. Johnson
1994	W. T. Barker		Sherman Swanson	James Schwartz
1995	H. Lynn Gibson		Mark A. Weltz	Gary Hendricks

**Table 36. Special task force chairs for Endangered Species, Grazing Lands Conservation Initiative, and Unity in Concepts and Terminology for Society for Range Management.**

Year	Endangered Species	Task Group Grazing Lands Conservation Initiative	Unity In Concepts and Terminology
1989			E. Lamar Smith, Jr.
1990			E. Lamar Smith, Jr.
1991			E. Lamar Smith, Jr.
1992	Don Henderson		Patricia A. Johnson
1993	Don Henderson		Patricia A. Johnson
1994	Don Henderson	Jack Maddux	Patricia A. Johnson
1995	Terrance G. Bidwell	Jack Maddux	

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ACCREDITED UNIVERSITIES**

1994		
Colorado State	Oregon State	New Mexico State
Texas A&M	Texas Tech	Univ. of Arizona
Univ. Of Idaho	Univ. of Wyoming	Utah State
Washington State		

**SOCIETY FOR RANGE MANAGEMENT  
MEMBERSHIP**

Year	Membership
1986	4,969
1987	4,983
1988	5,030
1989	5,189
1990	5,290
1991	5,317
1992	5,450
1993	5,232
1994	5,144
1995	4,852

## The Story of the Society for Range Management

The Trail Boss has led us down through the years.  
He broke trail for us boldly and calmed some fears.

We gathered strength all along the way  
As new members joined our numbers each day.

We value them all and know their worth;  
They've made us go forward since our time of birth.

We have doctors, scientists, and ranchers, too,  
Researchers, and ecologists to see us through.

Our friends are there to share with us,  
To give us accolades or make a fuss.

If we've done wrong we need to see  
Just exactly how things ought to be.

Experiments unending might make things clear.

These tests may go on for over a year!

The workers take point frames, a pencil and pad  
To uncover the evidence that is to be had.

Sometimes water is scarce, the land is all parched.

There's no vegetation where cattle have marched.

Some weeds are noxious, they dot the world's land.

Then rivers are flooding. The bugs we can't stand.

There's no food to eat, all the surplus is gone.

We must reclaim our mother earth in order to go on.

This plant's our best bet - no this one must do;

There are animals to save, we're among them, too.

The air is too dirty and we have acid rain;

Sometimes it seems that there's nothing we gain;

But try, we will; our education's not done

And before it's all over this world will have won.

Our nature is kindness. We seek the truth.

The eldest of us will indeed teach the youth.

We will abide by our honor and the rules we have set

And the hope of the future will be the best yet.

Time and the struggle will be on our side

We vow, for a fact, on no laurels we'll ride.

There's so much to learn. The knowledge is there.

The Society and its members have so much to share.

We've traveled the miles over for fifty long years.

We've faced all our troubles and shed a few tears;

But the road is before us - uphill or down -

Together we'll face it and turn things around.

**Marlene Richards** August 15, 1996

# Establishing Sections

The following is from the Bylaws of the Society for Range Management

## ARTICLE VII. Sections

SECTION 1. Sections, composed of Society members, may be established in any locality, and such organization shall become effective as soon as its proposed constitution, or articles of incorporation, and bylaws, which must specify the geographical boundaries of the proposed Section, shall have been submitted to and approved by the Board of Directors after consultation with the Advisory Council.

SECTION 2. A petition for establishment of a Section must be signed by at least 50 members of the Society who reside or work in the area to be included in the proposed Section.

SECTION 3. Each Section provide in its bylaws for the annual election of an officer who shall succeed to the presidency the following year, and the Section may also elect such other officers, directors, or council members, and provide for such committees, as it deems necessary. All such officers, directors, council member, or committee members shall be members in good standing.

SECTION 4. The purpose and functions of a Section shall be to bring about, through regularly scheduled meetings, tours, or other means , a closer personal acquaintance among members of the Society, an increased spirit of cooperation on matters relating to Society objectives, the encouragement of members to participate in both Section and Society functions, to study and observe local range and range-related situations, to work with other Sections or with other local organizations on matters of common interest and concern, and to confer on Society affairs.

SECTION 5. Sections may hold such meetings and engage in such activities as they desire, and are encouraged to suggest needed action on the part of the Society.

SECTION 6. Sections, in their speech, writing, and action, shall conform to the principles, policies, and objectives of the Society, as set forth in its Articles of Incorporation, Bylaws, or duly approved statements of policy and principle.

SECTION 7. Membership dues to Sections shall be determined and paid as set forth in Article 1 of these Bylaws.

SECTION 8. The Board of Directors in consultation with the Advisory Council, will examine and resolve any conflict that may arise between Sections and they also may rescind the authorization of any Section and terminate its existence.

# SECTION HISTORY OF THE SOCIETY FOR RANGE MANAGEMENT

**Compiler: Henry A. Pearson**

In 1995, there were 21 state or geographical Sections within the Society for Range Management. In an attempt to preserve the beginnings of each Section, the SRM History, Archives, and Library Committee, through assistance of the Sections, compiled a 1 to 2 page write-up of each of the Section's history from beginning through 1995. These histories serve as an addendum to the updating of the *History of the Society for Range Management, 1985-1995*, which was printed and distributed at the 50th Anniversary Annual Meeting of the Society for Range Management, Rapid City, South Dakota, February 1997. The histories include Section establishment, highlights of significant meetings and activities, significant awards and offices held by members, and other tidbits of importance to the Section's history. The History, Archives, and Library Committee expresses a sincere thanks for all the assistance in accomplishing this task. Following, in alphabetical order, is the history for each of the 21 Sections.

## Arizona Section Society for Range Management: 1950-1995

Summarized by S. Clark Martin and Phil R. Ogden

The Arizona Section, Society for Range Management (formerly American Society of Range Management: 1948-1971) was organized March 11, 1950 in Tucson, Arizona. The initial 27 members attending the meeting elected **R. R. Humphrey** as chairman, **Matt Baird**, vice-chairman, and **A. L. Brown**, secretary/treasurer. There were 32 charter members and by the end of 1950, the section had 53 members, about half being ranchers. Membership fluctuated around 300 in the 1960's and 350 in the late 1970's. Membership in the 1990's is back to the 300 range.

**H. Herbert Metzger** and **Ervin M. Schmutz** signed the Articles of Incorporation for the Arizona Section, SRM on November 24, 1971. Arizona was the second section to incorporate with Texas being the first. President-elect and director designation for officers, rather than vice-president and councilmen, became effective with new officers elected in 1972.

The University of Arizona Chapter, Arizona Section, ASRM, was officially established January 15, 1958. **George Glendening** was the installing officer, with **Ervin Schmutz** as sponsor and **John Montgomery** as first president. There were 32 charter members of the chapter, the same number of charter members as established the Arizona Section. The petition to establish the Arizona State University Chapter was dated March 1, 1976. The first Arizona State University Chapter president was **Jeanne Gregory**. The section membership voted to accept the petition for the establishment of a Navajo Chapter at the section annual meeting in Phoenix, January 20-21, 1984. This chapter terminated in 1990.

The Arizona Section has hosted three annual meetings of the parent society: January 1958 in Phoenix; February 1974 in Tucson; and January 1995 in Phoenix. Four society presidents were Arizona Section members during their tenure: **John D. Freeman** (1956), **Vernon A Young** (1960), **Wayne Kessler** (1964), and **John W. Bohning** (1982). **E. Lamar Smith** was elected second vice-president to serve as president in 1998. Directors from the Arizona Section have been: **Kenneth W. Parker** (1950-52), **C. Kenneth Pearse** (1951-53), **James L. Finley** (1958-60), **Wayne Kessler** (1960-62), **Raymond E. Housley** (1968-70), **John W. Bohning** (1977-79), **S. Clark Martin** (1979-81), and **E. Lamar Smith** (1991-94).

The Arizona Section has actively supported youth education. The first Arizona Conservation Youth Camp was held July 8-14, 1962, at Point-of-Pines on the San Carlos Reservation with **Barry Freeman** as camp director and program chairman. Youth expenses were paid by Arizona Conservation Districts. Wayne Kessler provided leadership in this funding effort. Camp staff was provided by the University of Arizona Cooperative Extension Service, with assistance from the Arizona Section Youth Committee. The section became a co-sponsor of the camp in 1971. The early camps were for boys only. There were plans to have two camps in

the summer of 1974, one for boys and one for girls. There were, however, only 36 total applicants, so the 1974 camp evolved as the first coed camp. The name was changed to Natural Resources Workshop in 1975. The Natural Resource Conservation Workshop for Arizona Youth (NRCWAY) currently is a cooperative activity of many organizations, with a paid camp director. A Trust Agreement with a Board of Trustees for the workshop was signed January 20, 1989. The Arizona Section provides leadership and a financial guarantee to cover camp expenses if they exceed donations. **Jack Bohning** has provided the leadership to obtain funding for the workshop in recent years, and the Association of Conservation Districts continues to provide financial support.

The section has provided a scholarship for the Outstanding Range Management Student at the University of Arizona since 1956-57. The first award of \$100 was to **Stan Tixier**. The scholarship amount was \$200 beginning with the 1967-68 school year. A scholarship for the Outstanding Range Management Student at Arizona State University was added beginning with the 1978-79 school year. The amount of the scholarships was increased to \$250 beginning in 1987-88 and currently is \$300 plus a one-year membership in the Society for Range Management.

The Range Management Man of the Year was first given in 1960 to **Jack Wilson**, a rancher from Yucca. **Kel Fox**, Sedona, received the award in 1961. With the Bylaws revision in 1979, the name of this award was changed to Range Manager of the Year and designated specifically as an award to a ranch owner-operator or manager. The section also provides awards for Professional and Technical Guidance on Specific Ranches and Outstanding Service.

## California Section Society for Range Management: 1950-1995

Summarized by Jim Clawson and John Stechman

The California Section, Society for Range Management (formerly American Society of Range Management: 1948-1971) was organized January 24, 1950. In June 1949 **Wayne W. Austin** (Assistant State Conservationist, USDA/SCS) was asked to serve as the California Membership Chairman. Fifteen California Area Chairmen were secured to help with the initial membership effort. In December 1949, **Dr. Harold H. Biswell** was asked to "call a meeting of California members to get a local section organized." **Dr. Biswell** drew up a rough draft of a Section constitution and by-laws for a meeting held December 16 on the University of California campus in Berkeley attended by 28 members. The first officers elected were: **Waldo Wood** (US Forest Service, San Francisco), President; **Wayne Austin** (USDA/SCS, Berkeley), Vice President, **Jay Bentley** (US Forest Service Research, Berkeley), Secretary-Treasurer; and Councilmen **Harold Biswell** (Univ. of California, Berkeley), **Merton Love** (Univ. of California, Davis), **William Dasmann** (Calif. Div. Fish and Game, Sacramento), **A. W. Sampson** (Univ. of California,

Berkeley), and **Joseph Snyder** (US Bureau of Land Management, San Francisco). A revised constitution and by-laws were adopted. Subsequent to the meeting, a committee concerned with "Section Objectives and Development" presented proposals by mail for a vote of the membership. The California Section was approved on January 24, 1950 by the American Society of Range Management. Incorporation in the State of California did not come until October 8, 1973 with **Don Hedrick** as President and **Les Berry** as Secretary.

The first Council meeting was held February 10, 1950 and the first regular meeting, attended by 50 people, occurred in Berkeley, March 31 with **A.E. Weislander** and **R.E. Storie** discussing the soil-vegetation survey program. The first field meeting was in Humboldt County on May 27 and followed by the second in El Dorado County on August 12. The first annual fall meeting of the new California Section was held December 2, 1950 on the UC Berkeley campus followed by a dinner-dance in Orinda. Membership had now grown to 128.

Section by-laws provide for the establishment of chapters. The success of chapters has depended upon the dedication of individuals. Only the Humboldt State University Student Chapter is active at the present.

A schedule to rotate the locations of the spring tours and fall meetings among four geographic areas was established early and followed for several years. Joint meetings have often been held with other Sections and organizations, including the Nevada and Pacific Northwest Sections, Wildlife Society, Oak Symposium, Native Grass Society, and Watershed Management Council. Meetings have been largely oriented to professional development with a mixture of presented papers, topical focus of the meeting, and field days at diverse locations within the state. For many years, the annual meeting has included an auction to raise travel funds for the plant judging teams participation in the SRM contest.

Serving as Section Presidents have been **Waldo Wood**, **Wayne Austin**, **Jay Bentley**, **Don Cornelius**, **Arnold Schultz**, **J. K. Sexton**, **Milton Miller**, **Bill Weir**, **Wayne Biehler**, **Merton Love**, **Harold Miller**, **Lisle Green**, **Joe Woolfolk**, **Harold Heady**, **Tony Evanko**, **Cy McKell**, **Harold Biswell**, **D.W. Cooper**, **Eamor Nord**, **Bob Blanford**, **Les Berry**, **Merton Reed**, **Al Murphy**, **George Burma**, **Don Hedrick**, **Doug Propst**, **Bill Harvey**, **David Bryant**, **Ted Adams**, **Mike Stroud**, **Harlan DeGarmo**, **Bill Weitkamp**, **Ray Ratliff**, **Gary Markegard**, **Neil McDougald**, **Ken Fulgham**, **Marvin Dodge**, **Mel George**, **Don Neal**, **Jim Clawson**, **James Bartolome**, **Mike Connor**, **Bill Frost**, **Leonard Jolley**, **Cathy Bleier**, **Lynn Huntsinger**, and **Barbara Allen-Diaz**.

Serving as Section Secretaries have been **Jay Bentley**, **B.E. Hanslan**, **Harold Bissell**, **Milton Miller**, **Les Berry**, **Burgess Kay**, **John Butler**, **Walter Howard**, **Bill Wagner**, **Lynn Hylton**, **C.W. Zumwalt**, **Joe Goodin**, **Jack Hooper**, **Robert Gibbens**, **Bill Templeton**, **Roche Bush**, **Lisle Green**, **Mike Stroud**, **Ken Fulgham**, and **Mike Connor**.

**Harold Heady**, while not a Section member at the time, was a member of the Society's organizing committee and served as the first secretary/treasurer. **Harold Biswell** served as the first *JRM* editor, 1948 & 1949. Four Section members have served as SRM president, **M.W. Talbot**, 1963, **Harold Heady**, 1980, **Jack Miller**, 1987 and **Rex Cleary**, 1990. Serving as Directors were **A.W. Sampson**, 1949-1951, **Don Cornelius**, 1965-1967, **Rex Cleary** 1985-1987, and **Barbara Allen-Diaz** 1991-1993. Among the earliest life members contributing to the first SRM funds were: **Jay Bentley**, **Harold Biswell**, **Arthur Sampson** and **Waldo Wood**.

The following SRM awards have been received by section members: Fredrick G. Renner Award- **August L. Hormay**, 1973, **Harold F. Heady**, 1980, and **Rex C. Cleary**, 1996; Chapline- Stewardship Award-**William Phillips**, 1996; Outstanding Achievement Award-**Harold F. Heady**, 1969, **Murrel W. Talbot**, 1971, **August L. Hormay**, 1972, **Charles E. Polton**, 1986, **W. James Clawson**, 1993, and **Melvin R. George**, 1996; Fellow Award-**Lester J. Berry**, 1977, **Harold F. Heady**, 1977, **Arthur W. Sampson**, 1977 (posthumous), **Murrel W. Talbot**, 1977 (posthumous), **E. Joseph Woolfolk**, 1977 (posthumous), **Harold H. Biswell**, 1979, **Charles E. Polton**, 1979, **Jay R. Bentley**, 1981, **Donald W. Hedrick**, 1981, **Michael C. Stroud**, 1991, **Rex C. Cleary**, 1994, and **Kenneth Fulgham**, 1996. Special Awards-**Harold Heady**, Silver Plate Award for role in Society formation, 1948 and **Arthur W. Sampson**, Special Certificate of Merit, 1957. California has hosted two SRM meetings - San Jose, 1955, with **K.W. Parker** as Meeting Chairman and San Diego, 1980 with **Les Berry** and **Jay Bentley** as co-chairmen. It also hosted summer meetings in Santa Barbara, 1967 and Arcata, 1987.

Two Section awards are given most years, The Rangeland Manager of the Year (initiated in 1995, is bestowed on a member for outstanding achievements) and the Excellence in Rangeland Management (started in 1986 and awarded to producers or organizations for outstanding rangeland management).

Youth education began in 1985 with the California Range Camp. The camp accommodates 25 to 28 campers for a week in June at the Elkus Youth Ranch in Half Moon Bay. A "top camper" and runner-up are selected and receive trips to the following SRM meeting to participate in the High School Youth Forum. A scholarship from the **Jay R. Bentley** Fund pays for the cost of the "top camper". The camp directors have been: **Warren Peden**, 1985; **Dick McCleery**, 1987-1988; **John Esperance**, 1989, **Rod Tripp**, 1990-1994, **Edie Jacobsen**, 1995. Starting in 1995, the Section has joined the Society of American Forester's Conservation Days in Saratoga to reach some 3,000 urban fifth graders during the week long program.

Since the beginning, the annual meetings and spring tours have focused on professional development. For several years in the 1960's, proceedings of presentations at the annual meeting were published. Co-sponsoring of many field days and

workshops have been a key activity of the Section. The Section has co-sponsored eight Annual Rangeland Management Short Courses since 1978. Section sponsored continuing education courses will allow Certified Rangeland Managers to maintain their proficiency and their certification. Facing pressures from possible activities of registered professional foresters in the traditional rangeland vegetation types and the possibilities of a state certification program under the Board of Forestry, the Section Council voted to implement a program of **certification in range management** in the Spring of 1991. Criteria were developed and a Certification Panel established. An initial group of seven Section members were certified November 4, 1994. Working closely with the Board of Forestry's Professional Licensing Committee, a process was developed for the state to recognize the professional certification by the Section as meeting the requirements of a California Certified Rangeland Manager (CRM) as allowed by state code. In July 1995 the Board of Forestry approved the process. Now individuals certified by the Section may also apply for an annual license from the Board of Forestry gaining recognition beyond the Section.

### **Colorado Section Society for Range Management: 1949-1995**

Summarized by Richard S. "Dick" Driscoll

The Colorado Section, Society for Range Management (formerly American Society of Range Management: 1948-1971) was formally approved by the ASRM on April 10, 1949, following submission of a petition with provisional constitution and bylaws signed by 19 active Society members. Thus, the Colorado Section became the second approved section of the Society, following the Wyoming Section. **W. B. McGinnies, T. G. Stewart, D. F. Hervey, and H. E. Swan** were leaders in this activity. The Section constitution and bylaws were approved at the first organizational meeting of the Section on April 23, 1949. **Don Hervey** was elected as the first President, **A. C. Hull** as Secretary/Treasurer, and **Dave Costello** and **Sam Little** as Council persons.

Later, two currently active Chapters were established. Upon petition to the Section, the Student Range Club of Colorado A&M (now Colorado State University) became the Student Chapter on November 16, 1956. The Chapter hosted or helped host some Section meetings, assisted in fund raising, established an awards program for Outstanding Professor and Outstanding Senior, participated in student programs at Society meetings, and generally helped the Section with other activities.

The San Juan Basin Chapter was established in February 1978. The Chapter develop a program which encouraged "participant status," participants being individuals not members of the Society but with strong interest in the Society and on-the-ground range management programs. Strong emphasis was placed on convincing participants to become Society members. Another chapter had been established in 1977 but later

disbanded due to lack of local interest and the more strategic geographical location of the subsequent San Juan Basin Chapter.

From the initial 19 active members in 1949, membership grew to 468 in 1976. Since then, Section membership of around 400 has been maintained, representing the spectrum of industry, academia, and agencies.

The Section has been, and will continue to be dedicated to advancing the state-of-the-art of rangeland ecosystem management and science. This activity was accomplished many ways. Three to six meetings per year were convened in various areas of the state to showcase research findings and management practices including holistic operations and to demonstrate inventory, monitoring, and evaluation procedures. Many meetings were co-hosted with other professional organizations (AIBS, ASA, ESA, SAF, SCSA, TWS, and others), agencies (BLM, Colorado DOW, FS, SCS [now NRCS], and others), user groups (livestock organizations, mining corporations and operators, and others), and other SRM Sections. Special effort was made to secure participation in meetings by all kinds of rangeland users.

Youth activities at middle and high school levels, designed for student awareness of rangelands and their relations to society, have been a major focus of the Section. Early activities included developing range plant displays shown at such places as state and county fairs. Later, youth field camps were organized for all kinds of on-the-ground instruction and experience in rangeland ecosystem management. Also, the section sent one or two delegates to the High School Youth Forum at the annual SRM meetings since the program was initiated in 1966.

Close liaison has been maintained between the Section and the Student Chapter in a number of ways. Annual scholarships were awarded to deserving juniors or seniors majoring in range management. Scholarship funds were secured through raffles, silent auctions, gifts, and other sources. Students participated in Plant Identification contests (since 1952) and Range Management Exam contests (since 1984) at annual meetings of the Society. Also, since 1971-1972, the Outstanding Professor and Outstanding Student awards were presented to section members at CSU.

Section members have taken lead action in state and national affairs, including legislation to improve rangeland management, inventory and protection of natural areas and ecosystems, assist in planning and management of Conservation Reserve Programs, and others.

Section members have been especially instrumental in providing extended training and education to international scientists and students. Direct technical assistance has been provided worldwide by section members on holistic resource management including specific product opportunities. In addition, the section published and distributed newsletters three to four times a year since 1950.

Through much effort by many Section members over a four year period, blue grama (*Bouteloua gracilis* (H.B.K.) Lag. Ex Steud.) became the official State Grass of Colorado on May



20, 1987, by passage of joint resolutions by the state Senate and House.

Colorado Section members have been recognized by colleagues and the parent society in many ways, including:

**Election to Society Offices**—six (6) Society Presidents; twelve (12) Society Directors; **Appointment to Society Positions**—Editor of the *Journal*, 1969-1977: **E. H. Reid**; Interim Executive Secretary, 1979: **L. Bredemeier**; Executive Secretary (now Executive Vice-President, 1979-1981: **F. Kinsinger**; **Society Awards**—Five (5) presented the Fredrick G. Renner Award; one (1) presented the W. R. Chapline Research Award; twenty-two (22) presented the Outstanding Achievement Award; seventeen (17) presented the Fellow Award

## Florida Section

### Society for Range Management: 1979-1995

Summarized by Lewis L. Yarlett

The Florida Section, Society for Range Management (formerly American Society of Range Management: 1948-1971) was initiated December 1, 1979, seceding from the Southern Section (approved October 29, 1951). Southern Section Charter members were: **R. S. Campbell, J. T. Cassady, T. S. Coile, M. Griffin, L. K. Halls, E. M. Hodges, W. Hopkins, R. H. Hughes, W. G. Kirk, H. W. Lull, S. C. Martin, T. C. Montgomery, F. R. Nease, H. J. Oosting, R. B. Polk, E. S. Ruby, O. E. Sell, W. O. Shepherd, B. L. Southwell, and R. E. Williams**. The original territory covered 11 states: North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, **Florida**, Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana, Arkansas, Tennessee, Kentucky, and Missouri.

Florida Section awards include the Southern Section Distinguished Service Award recipients **Ralph Hughes** (1971), **Lewis Yarlett** (1974), **John Cassady** (1978), **Clifford Lewis** (1979); Rangeland Award recipients **Lynn Harrison** (1973); President's Award recipient **Lewis Yarlett** (1979). **Lewis Yarlett** was appointed the Florida Section Historian.

Special projects completed by the Southern Section with Florida members include: (1) 1952 Committee on Computing and Reporting the Production of Beef on Forest Ranges and Pastures in the South; report published in *JRM* 7:128-129. (2) 1953 SOSRM Educational Exhibit which later resulted in the September 1955 "Range Resources of the South," Georgia Agric Exp Stn Bull N.S. 9; Committee members: **R. E. Williams, J. T. Cassady, L. K. Halls, & E. J. Woolfolk**. (3) Southern Section History: 1957-J. T. Cassady, & 1963-R. H. Hughes. (4) 1974 Revision of "Range Resources of the South;" Committee members: **C. E. Lewis, H. E. Grelen, L. D. White, & C. W. Carter**. (5) Southern Range Bibliography: Committee members 1963: **R. S. Campbell, L. K. Halls, & H. P. Morgan**, 1968: **V. L. Duvall, A. W. Johnson, & L. L. Yarlett**, 1973: **H. A. Pearson, C. E. Lewis,**

**G. E. Probasco, & G. L. Wolters**, and 1980: **H. A. Pearson, R. D. Child, E. K. Byington, H. E. Grelen, & C. E. Lewis**.

It was inevitable that the Florida Section, Society for Range Management, would eventually come into being. Although range management originated in the western United States, the concepts of range management soon moved south and east with formation of the southern Section, including Florida. During the years encompassing 1959-1970, a number of Florida members held offices in the Southern Section, including **W. G. Kirk, R. S. Rummell, J. C. McCaleb, and Larry White**. **J. B. Hilmon** and **Lewis Yarlett** were elected president in 1965 and 1970, respectively. Other prominent members included: **Ben Hill Griffin, Jr., James F. Hentges, Elver Hodges, Ralph Hughes, John W. Hunt, E. V. Komarek, Clifford E. Lewis, Eldon Lucas, William H. Moore, Clyde Porter, Bayard Toussaint, and William West**.

Beginning about 1960 and interspersed between other Southern Section meetings, a large number of small local Florida meetings were held through co-sponsorship by local Soil Conservation Districts and SCS Work Units. Often attendance was only 3 or 4 landowners or managers. The SCS State Range Conservationist provided ground assistance and demonstrated the potential for management of the major grasses. Brush control and deferred grazing began on a few ranches.

The Florida Range Committee of the Florida Association of Conservation Districts was organized April 19, 1968, with **Lynn Harrison**, early SRM member, serving as chairman. Other committee members were **John Hunt** and **B. T. Longino**. The Range Committee positively influenced SRM membership plus it sponsored field tours before and after the Florida Chapter and Section organization.

The Florida Chapter organization within the Southern Section was feasible in view of its geographical location in comparison to other Southern Section states, with distances too great for much participation in the more western Southern Section meetings and vice versa. Also, the significant range livestock community, dependent on distinctly different native forage resources, emphasized the need for strong leadership and direction from a Florida based SRM chapter or section to work with the livestock industry leadership. In addition, for at least 15 years a small cadre of SRM members with Florida orientation were effective in technical assistance, education, and research.

Consequently, a petition to the Southern Section, signed by 23 Florida members, was approved. Florida functioned as a chapter from January 1, 1977, to December 1, 1979, when the section status was approved by SRM. While in the chapter status, local Florida members continued to hold field tours and business meetings, mainly devoted to finances, membership, and by-laws. The chapter organization essentially functioned as a section. The membership quickly saw the need for section status and a closer tie with the parent organization. On August 15, 1979, the Florida Chapter members submitted a petition

with the required 55 signatures to the SRM, Denver office, requesting section status; the Southern Section Council voted their agreement and support. At the Florida Chapter meeting in Sarasota, Florida, November 30, 1979, the Florida Section approval was announced by the SRM Executive Secretary. Thus, on December 1, 1979, the Florida Chapter officers became Florida Section officers.

The Florida Section hosted seven annual Southern Section meetings in Florida prior to becoming a section. These meetings were held in Ona and Fort Meyers (1954, 1961), Kissimmee (1965, 1975), Tallahassee (1967), Gainesville (1970), and Sarasota (1979). The Florida Section also hosted the 39<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Society for Range Management on February 9-14, 1986, in Orlando, Florida. Registration for this meeting was 1,093 with various tour attendance being 1,175 including a post convention range tour. Special awards were presented to those who pioneered the Florida range program. These included four ranchers: **Gene Felton, Max, Hammond, Lynn Harrison, and Bayard Toussaint**, and SCS Range Conservationist **Lewis Yarlett**.

Membership has varied from a low of 50 to a high of 70. One-half of the Section presidents have been ranchers, with many serving in other office or committee capacities.

## **Idaho Section Society for Range Management: 1951-1995**

Summarized by Kenneth D. Sanders

The Idaho Section, Society for Range Management (formerly American Society of Range Management: 1948-1971) was approved March 31, 1951. The Idaho Section of the Society for Range Management can be justifiably proud of its history. For it was in Idaho that the first germ of an idea to form a separate range management organization took root. At an interagency range management conference in Moscow on March 28-30, 1946, a panel discussion on the subject led to the formation of a committee to study the feasibility of such an organization. Committee members included co-chairmen **Joe Pechanec** and **Harold Heady**, 1932 and 1938 University of Idaho range graduates, and **Liter Spence** of Idaho. Their work led to the formation of the American Society of Range Management in 1948 with **Joe Pechanec**, a current Idaho Section member, the first President.

A meeting to discuss formation of a section in Idaho was held in Boise on July 12, 1950, which led to the Idaho Section receiving its Charter in October, 1951. Following the Idaho tradition of taking action, the newly formed Section hosted the 1952 American Society of Range Management Annual Meeting in Boise the last week of January, with 460 members attending. The Idaho Cattlemen's Association sponsored the friendly hour.

The Idaho Section initially consisted of three chapters: Eastern, Northern, and Southwestern. In 1958, the Eastern Chapter was renamed the **Lyman Richwine** Chapter, in honor of Charter Member **Lyman Richwine** who passed away in

1956. The Southern Chapter was chartered in 1961 and the Western Chapter in 1963, these two replacing the former Southwestern Chapter. The University of Idaho Student Chapter was chartered in 1985, completing the current five chapters in the Section.

Idaho can take pride in the outstanding leaders it has provided the Society for Range Management. In addition to first President **Joe Pechanec**, other SRM Presidents with strong Idaho roots include: **Fred Renner, Ed Tisdale, Fred Kennedy, Vernon Young, Bill Anderson, Harold Heady, Jack Bohning, Gerald Thomas, and Bill Laycock**. Although only **Ed Tisdale** was a member of the Idaho Section while serving as President, the others were either graduates of the University of Idaho and/or spent the early years of their careers working in Idaho. The Section has also had several members serve on the SRM Board of Directors and numerous have served in leadership roles on Society Committees.

The Section has hosted three of the parent organization annual winter meetings in Boise: 1952, 1973, and 1987. The Section has also hosted two summer meetings, 1958 in Stanley Basin and 1979 in Pocatello. The Section Chapters have taken turns hosting the section's annual summer and winter meetings since the first Idaho Section meeting in 1952.

The Section initiated a newsletter in 1960 with **David Mead** as editor. He produced two to four high quality newsletters a year until 1966. The Section had several newsletter editors from then until 1976. **Ken Sanders** was appointed editor at the 1976 winter meeting and produced four newsletters a year through 1988. From 1989 to the present, **Mary Clark** has served as editor. The Idaho Section Newsletter was recognized as the outstanding SRM section newsletter in 1988 and again in 1989.

In 1958, the Section established a scholarship fund for students majoring in range management at the University of Idaho. For many years members were entertained, conned, and strong armed at the annual meetings by **Lee Sharp** to contribute to the fund. A renewed effort was initiated by **Elena Shaw** in the late 1980's to generate funding for the scholarship. Using charm rather than the con artist tactics of **Lee**, she has raised a substantial sum of funds through auctions and a food booth at a county fair. The Section has also provided range management instructors and sponsored a student for the annual University of Idaho Natural Resource Workshop for junior high/high school students in Idaho. In recent years, the Section has also sponsored one or more students to participate in the annual SRM Youth Forum. Student members have been active in and represented the Section well at SRM activities, including first place in plant identification, student display, and range examination contests.

## International Mountain Section Society for Range Management: 1950-1995

Summarized by C. E. (Chuck) Hitch and  
J. A. (Scotty) Campbell

The International Mountain Section, Society for Range Management (formerly American Society of Range Management: 1948-1971) was formally organized April 29, 1950, at Helena, Montana. Administrative boundaries were on the east from Bridger to Columbus to Big Timber to Moccasin to Great Falls and due north to the Canadian Line to Bow Island, to Brooks, to Camrose, to Edmonton, to Athabaska, and west of the Athabaska River. The organizational meeting had 26 Society members participating despite an unseasonal snowstorm which blocked several roads. Previously and from the time that the first ASRM sections were formed, members in Montana and Alberta considered forming a northern mountain section. Seed was sown beginning at the 1949 Denver ASRM meeting when **Wallace R. Hanson** and **Scotty Campbell**, Calgary, Alberta, Canada, and **Tom Lommasson** and **Mel Morris**, Missoula, Montana, USA, discussed forming a local group. **Mel Morris**, **Wally Hanson**, and **Scotty Campbell** drove together to the 1950 San Antonio ASRM meeting and presented a petition, along with a proposed constitution and by-laws, for a Northern International Mountain Section (later changed to International Mountain Section). Because of the few members at San Antonio and the limited time, it was decided to organize back home in late winter or early spring (actually met & organized April 29, 1950). All of British Columbia was tentatively included in the international mountain section.

The International Mountain Section added to the aims of SRM the following objectives: 1) To simulate interest and research in the conservation of the range resources of the mountain and foothills region of Montana and Alberta and other similar regions. 2) To bring together, for mutual benefits, those people interested in the range. 3) To promote international cooperation in the field of conservation of our resources.

One general meeting and one field meeting was planned for each year. The first field meeting was scheduled September 22-24, 1950, at Waterton Lakes, Alberta, with 50 attendees on a field trip to the **F. E. M. Robinson** Ranch, where ranch organization was discussed by the owner and other ranchers **Frank Lynch-Staunton** of Lundbreck and **George Chattaway** of Nanton, then over the Alberta Forest Reserve Road through the Livingston Ranger District to the Waldron Ranch where Brahma crossbreeding was discussed. The first general meeting was May 4-5, 1951, in Missoula, Montana, where a panel on noxious and poisonous plant control was held and range condition and trend, range resources of the far north, the reindeer herd at Aklavik, Alberta, cattle breeding at Miles City, Montana, planted pastures and hayfields versus mountain summer range, and range and pasture practices in New Zealand were discussed. A May 5<sup>th</sup> field tour of the

Bitterroot Valley demonstrated sagebrush removal and reseed-ing. A summer meeting from August 30 through September 1, 1951, at Virginia City, had 65 attendees. Meetings were held on both sides of the border throughout the next 45 years.

The International Mountain Section has recognized the following for long service to the Section and rangeland management: 1981-**J. A. (Scotty) Campbell**; 1982-**Melvin S. (Mel) Morris**; 1983-**Alex Johnston**; 1984-**C. M. (Chuck) Jarecki**; 1985-**McKinnon** brothers, **Charlie, Art, & Ed**; 1986-**Robert L. (Bob) Ross**; 1987-**Wallace R. (Wally) Hanson**; 1988-**Peter V. (Pete) Jackson III**; 1990-**Jack Vandervalk & Sherman Ewing**; 1991-**John Cross & Ed Nelson**; 1992-**Gene Handl & L. M. (Mac) Forbes**.

The Excellence in Grazing Award was given to: 1991-**C. M. (Chuck) Jarecki**; 1992-**Maynard Smith & family**; 1992-**Tom Gilchrist** for **Joe Gilchrist** family.

SRM awards include: Frederic G. Renner Award: **Peter V. Jackson**-1972; **Edward A. McKinnon**-1988. W. R. Chapline Land Steward Award: **Robert L. (Bob) Ross**-1992. Outstanding Achievement Award: **Alex Johnston**-1970; **Wallace R. Hanson**-1971; **Robert L. Ross**-1972; **Charles H. McKinnon**-1973; **Melvin S. Morris**-1974; **John Lacey**-1988; **Sherm Ewing**-1988. Fellow Awards: **Peter V. Jackson III**-1972; **Alex Johnston**-1977; **Edward A. McKinnon**-1977; **Melvin S. Morris**-1974; **Robert L. (Bob) Ross**-1977; **Charles H. McKinnon**-1979; -**C. M. (Chuck) Jarecki**-1980. Special Awards: **Melvin S. (Posthumous) & Elinore Morris**-1989; **Peter V. Jackson III**-1992.

Particular attention is noteworthy for the practical ranching operations of Section members and to those keenly interested in encouraging young people in the range youth organizations; special recognition goes to **Curtis Hughes**, Stanford, Montana, and **Charles McKinnon**, Calgary, Alberta. **Bob Ross** is worthy recognition for devotion to youth and extension projects and **Alex Johnston** for editing the interesting and valuable Newsletters.

## Kansas Section Society for Range Management: 1950-1995

Summarized by H. Lynn Gibson and Dick Bogard

The Kansas Section was initiated through approval for separation from the Kansas-Oklahoma Section in February, 1992; originally the Kansas-Oklahoma Section was initiated March 6, 1950, with approval by the Society for Range Management (formerly American Society of Range Management: 1948-1971). Kansas' involvement with SRM began with its organizational meeting as the Kansas-Oklahoma Section on February 10, 1950, at Woodard, Oklahoma. Nineteen members attended and signed the petition for recognition which was approved that spring. Dr. **Jack R. Harlan**, Woodard, Oklahoma, was elected chairman.

Fall and winter meetings were held each year alternating between Kansas and Oklahoma. These meetings proved to be

very successful and beneficial. In 1960, Range Youth Camps were developed in each state. Section membership grew to over 200. An educational and informative newsletter was published from the beginning.

In 1959 and 1981, the Kansas-Oklahoma Section hosted the 12th and 34th Annual SRM Meetings, respectively, in Tulsa, Oklahoma, and the 1964 Annual Meeting in Wichita, Kansas. In 1982, separate chapters were formed in each state. In February, 1992, SRM approved requests for separate sections. The Kansas Section, again working with the Oklahoma Section, hosted the 1996 Annual Meeting in Wichita, Kansas.

### **Mexico Section**

#### **Society for Range Management: 1958-1995**

Summarized by Martin H. Gonzalez

The Mexico Section, Society for Range Management (formerly American Society of Range Management: 1948-1971) was organized January 31, 1958. **Martin H. Gonzalez** was SRM President in 1973 and a member of the Board from 1966 through 1968. **Donald E. Johnson** was a member of the Board from 1981 through 1983 and **Luis Carlos Fierro** was a member of the Board from 1993 through 1995. The 28th Annual SRM Meeting was held in Mexico City, Mexico, February 10-14, 1975; the Summer Meeting was held in Monterrey, Mexico, July 27-31, 1990. **Martin H. Gonzalez** received the Renner Award in 1975; he also received the Outstanding Achievement Award in 1970 and the Fellow Award.

### **Northcentral Section**

#### **Society for Range Management: 1968-1995**

Summarized by Lorenz F. Bredemeier

The Northcentral Section, Society for Range Management (formerly American Society of Range Management: 1948-1971) was organized December, 1968. The Section faced numerous difficulties in forming; the then unsectioned area was extremely large, encompassing nine states. The income from grassland was not attractive compared to that from corn and soybeans. The extensive areas of the original native prairie land had been plowed and converted to highly productive crop land. The remaining grassland was mainly managed under an agronomic approach. Range Science generally was not taught in the universities and colleges, although many taught Ecology.

The influence of SRM and the application of range management advance rapidly throughout the western United States (west of the 98th meridian) and in the South from Texas east along the Gulf Coast. By the early 1950s, natural vegetation in the Southeast was being managed like rangeland. Principals and practices of range management were being applied in areas primarily south of latitude 35N and east of the 85th meridian. Meanwhile agronomic practices were promoted

north of the 35th in the *cornbelt*. Introduced forages and fertilization provided the primary emphases for increasing agricultural production. Even-so, there were large acreage's of natural forage plants not fully utilized which were suitable for grazing under range management principals.

In the 1950's, **Frederick Renner** and **William (Bill) Allred**, USDA-SCS Chief Range Conservationists, worked with State Conservationist **Herbert Fleck**, Saint Paul, Minnesota, to conduct a Range Training School in the region, the first introduction of range management in the SCS Cornbelt Region. **Lorenz Bredemeier** from North Platte, Nebraska, conducted the training school in August and later served in Milwaukee, Wisconsin (from February 1963 to July 1964) as the first Range Conservationist in the nine state Cornbelt Region. Later, **Bredemeier** and two others were transferred (Madison, Wisconsin) to a project for developing techniques to inventory and project uses of the natural resources in northern Minnesota, Wisconsin, and Michigan. Using the developed system, areas were identified best suited for forestry, crop production, grazing, and recreation. Thus, range management, which was earlier relatively unknown, began to receive attention with the opportunity for expanded application.

In 1964, some SRM members were located, initially in Wisconsin, but not enough interest was found to support a Section or even a Chapter at that time. In 1967, follow-up efforts were made through correspondence but responses were still discouraging. In the summer of 1967, letters were sent to 18 members, but only one responded; a second letter elicited six replies, and a third letter three replies. Five (50%) of the responses supported organizing. After reporting these results to the SRM Board of Directors at Albuquerque in 1968, the proposed Section boundaries were enlarged to include Minnesota, Wisconsin, Michigan, Iowa, Illinois, Indiana, and Ohio, where 14 members resided by May 1968.

Recruiting continued by mail and personal contacts. A proposed constitution and by-laws, nominations, selection of the Section name, and other organizing functions were completed by January 22, 1969, and 32 members signed the petition to form the Northcentral Section. The one word spelling was chosen to differentiate from the North Central Air Line serving the area.

The following officers were elected: President: **Lorenz Bredemeier** (WI), President-Elect: **Richard F. Dunn** (MI), Secretary-Treasurer: **Lawrence H. Bishop** (ILL), Council: **Edmund L. Miniatt** (WI), **Elmer L. Smith** (ILL), & **Ronald W. Clark** (MI), membership committee: **L. H. Bishop** (ILL) Chm, **Roger Q. Landers** (IA), **Ralph D. Kirkpatrick** (IN), **Charles C. Lang** (OH), **Richard J. Dunn** (MI), **John Wilbrecht** (MI), **Lawrence H. Foot** (MN), & **Dan Bromley** (WI), Rangemans News: **James Deane** (IN), Section Newsletter: **Charles E. Taylor** (IN).

President **Bredemeier** transferred from Madison WI to Fort Worth TX on September 1, 1969. The Section continues to face extreme obstacles; however, it continues to be active and functional and serve the needs of the area.

## National Capital Section Society for Range Management: 1956-1995

Summarized by Charles B. "Bud" Rumburg

The National Capital Section, Society for Range Management (formerly American Society of Range Management: 1948-1971) was organized January 5, 1956. A society is known by the records it leaves; this was never more correct than the following history of the National Capital Section (NCS). As a recent addition to the NCS, I can only know the Section by the records it has left. I have spent a good deal of time blowing the dust off the files, and sneezing in order to pull this information together. My original objective was simply to compile a list of officers. That turned out to be impossible without reviewing many documents and systematically organizing the information. An activity required of any historian even a charter member. Rather than waste that experience, I chose to write a brief history, recognizing that this has one deficiency: the human interest - personal touch of having been there is lost.

A Washington Affairs Committee had been organized prior to 1955. This committee held one or two meetings a year, and routinely provided news items to the *Range Journal*. **George E. Bradley** was chairman of the Washington Affairs Committee in 1955. Later, a Washington Office Affairs Liaison Representative was appointed by SRM and included: **Clare W. Hendee, Raymond M. Housley, George Lea, and Vivian Jennings.**

A memorandum dated November 7, 1955, was distributed to members of the Washington Affairs Committee asking about their interest in forming a section of the then American Society of Range Management. Forty seven members received the questionnaire, and 36 voted to establish a local section. The first organizational meeting was held in rooms 1345, 1347, and 1349 of the South Building, January 5, 1956 to discuss a draft constitution and bylaws, designate a name for the section, the area to be included, officers and standing committees.

The first council meeting was held on January 10, and approved the revision of the constitution and bylaws in accordance with motions approved at the organizational meeting. The revised constitution was mailed to the Society Board of Directors requesting the formation of the National Capitol Section. The Board of Directors of the American Society of Range Management, at the national meeting, granted permission to form the National Capitol Section; the chartered soon followed. A copy of the provisional officers who went on to become the first officers and the charter membership list is included in the original petition with the 1956 constitution.

The first meeting was held April 6, 1956. Approximately 65 members and their friends attended. The program, arranged by **W.R. Chapline**, was a symposium, "The place of the National Capital Section of the American Society of Range Management in better management of the nation's grasslands in the public interest."

The Council, at their meetings was held in 1956, a very active year. The information committee acknowledged good communication within the section and the society, but admitted less success with outside sources. Membership grew from 24 to 69, but the section lamented their inability to secure advertising for the *Journal* and to participate as a section in society contests.

The NCS amended the 1956 constitution in 1969. Primary changes were in the officers to coincide with the parent organization. Prior to 1969 there was a chairman, 1st and 2nd vice chairman and three council members. These were changed to president, president-elect, vice-president and the Board of Directors, respectively. The 1969 revision also put the section on a 1 July - 30 June fiscal year. The 1969 officers served for 1 year and 6 months to implement the change.

The 1969 constitution was amended in 1975. The 1975 revision put the section back on a calendar year, eliminated the vice-president and established the governing body as the president, president-elect, secretary-treasurer, past president and three Board of Directors.

The NCS was originally chartered as the National Capitol Section, but both the 1969 amendment to the constitution and bylaws and the 1975 amendment refer to the National Capital Section. The reason for this change was not stated in the revisions, nor was any discussion of the change found in the minutes. The minutes of the January 5, 1956 meeting clearly states that the name is to be the National Capitol Section. However, the minutes of the first regular meeting dated April 6 (although the minutes later talk of a May 2, 1956 meeting) refer to the National Capital Section as do all future minutes in 1956. A new Secretary-treasurer in the minutes of a January 2, 1957 again refers to the National Capitol Section, but all future 1957 minutes revert back to Capital. Never was there any mention of the different spelling. The use of Capital has prevailed since January 2, 1957. I assume this was a conscious and overt change, but it was not recorded.

The section hosted the 25th-silver anniversary of the Society for Range Management in Washington, DC in February 1972. The Twin Bridges Marriott Hotel was the headquarters, and **Reginald M. DeNio** served as general chairman. Total registration was 606. The Section hosted the 1991 Annual Meeting at the Marriott Gateway in Arlington, VA and 1,002 registered. Co-chairs were **Douglas Sellars and Bud Rumburg.**

In recent years the NCS has annually hosted the Grazing Lands Forum and discussed issues of current national importance to grazing lands.

A record of the officers and board members since the NCS began in 1956 was compiled and presidents, president-elects, and secretary-treasurers are listed. However, the second vice-president, which was part of the roster until 1969, was not included, or else included under the secretary-treasurer category. Beginning in 1956 and ending in 1996 (in chronological order), presidents of the National Capital Section were: **George E. Bradley, Royale K. Pierson, Marion Clawson, Kenneth W. Parker, Evan L. Flory, Herbert C. Hanson,**

Clark E. Holscher, Reginald DeNio, Lee Nadeau, W.R. Chapline, James P. Blaisdell, Robert E. Williams, Glen D. Fulcher, Robert S. Rummell, Anthony Evanko, Dixie Smith, George Lea, Jack Schmautz, Joe Townsend, Fred Mass, Robert Springer, Paul Leonard, Donald Pendleton, Rick Ross, Gary Evans, Charles B. Rumburg, Gale L. Wolters, A. J. Dye, Sam Miller, Tom Shiflet, Douglas Sellars, James Newman, John L. Artz, Glen Secrist, Donald F. Nelson, Jr., R. Dennis Child, Paul McCawley, Joan Commaner, Greg Hendricks, Janette Kaiser, and Scott Conroy. President-elects not serving during the 1956 through 1996 years due to transfers out of the Washington D.C. area included: **Weldon O. Shepherd, L. L. Roux, Robert W. Harris, Joe A. Wagner, Ron Younger, Keith Wadman, and Tom Roberts.** Secretary-Treasurers serving the National Capital Section included: **Fred J. Pratt, Melvin L. Upchurch, Tom L. Ayres, Evan L. Flory, Dayton L. Klingman, Reginald DeNio, L.L. Roux, W.R. Chapline, Robert E. Williams (2 years), Glen D. Fulcher, Robert S. Rummell, Floyd E. Kinsinger, Charles W. Luscher, Ed Spang, Jack Schmautz, Ed Evatz, Ron Younger, Gordon Staker, Gary Evans (2 years), Dave Little, A. J. Dye (3 years), Bob Woodmansee, Charles B. Rumburg, James Newman, Ed Frandsen, Willie Peterson (2 years), Greg Hendricks (2 years), and Peter Clark (3 years).**

### Nebraska Section

#### Society for Range Management: 1953-1995

Summarized by Nadine Bishop

The Nebraska Section, Society for Range Management (formerly American Society of Range Management: 1948-1971) was organized January 19, 1953, in response to a petition signed by 51 Nebraska members of the ASRM. The successful efforts to become a section were led by **Lorenz Bredemeier**, with the assistance of Dr. **E. J. Dyksterhius**, who was also a member of the ASRM board of directors. The first Section officers were **Lorenz Bredemeier**, President, **Sid Salzman**, President-Elect, and **Elverne Conard**, Secretary/Treasurer as well as Newsletter Editor. The objectives of the Section as stated in the by-laws were those of the parent society with emphasis on "promoting greater application, interest, and knowledge concerning management of grazing lands in the State of Nebraska".

The Nebraska Section was incorporated as a Non-Profit Corporation on October 29, 1973. The objectives of the Nebraska Section - SRM, as incorporated are as follows: (1) To develop an understanding of rangeland ecosystems and the principles applicable to management of range resources, (2) To assist all persons who work with range resources in keeping abreast of new findings and techniques in both the science and art of range management, (3) To improve the effectiveness of range management obtaining the products and values necessary for man's welfare from range resources, (4) To create a public appreciation of the economic and social benefits

to be obtained from the range environment, and (5) To promote the professional development of its membership.

The UN-L Range Club was organized in 1978, and was recognized as a Student Chapter in 1979. The Chadron State Range Club originated as a branch of the college Agronomy Club. Since their organization, the members of the Student Clubs have been involved in all SRM sponsored student activities, including URME, Plant I. D. Contest, Student Chapter Booth Contest, and Undergraduate Public Speaking.

The Nebraska Section has been active in the parent society activities. The 1954 ASRM 7th Annual Meeting was held in Omaha, with 235 members attending. In 1976, the SRM Annual Meeting was again held in Omaha, with 816 attending. The SRM Summer Meeting was held in North Platte in 1963 and in 1991. Three Nebraska Section members have served as SRM Presidents. Twelve Nebraska students have served as Student Conclave officers, five as President, four as Secretary, and three as Reporter. In 1996, all three officers were Nebraska students. Seven Nebraska Section members have been recipients of the Fellow Award, and seven have received the Outstanding Achievement Award.

From its beginnings in 1953, the primary focus of the Nebraska Section has been education. Early members of the Section firmly believed that the future of our rangeland lies with our youth. While numerous tours, workshops, and field days have been organized and supported by the Section, the youth activities have been the Section's most popular and successful programs.

The first Nebraska Range Youth Camp was held in 1963. The Section created the camp to provide training to high school students in range and practical range management, and to encourage and develop future leadership in the field of range management. The first camp was held at the State 4-H Camp, Halsey, under the leadership of Dr. **John F. Vallentine**. The cost for attending the first camp was \$25, and 27 students attended the camp. The camp has been held at the State 4-H Camp, except in 1968 when it was held at the School of Technical Agriculture, Curtis, and in 1969 when it was not held. Until 1970, the camp was attended only by boys, but in 1970, the camp was opened to both girls and boys. Since 1980, camp fees have been used to provide travel expenses to the SRM Annual Meeting for the top students.

Another successful Nebraska Section activity targeted primarily toward youth education is the Nebraska Range Judging Program. This program was initiated in 1954, when **Donald F. Burzlaff** and **Lorenz F. Bredemeier** organized the first range judging school in Nebraska at Ainsworth. Twenty-five students participated in the school. For several years the Range Judging Program was restricted to the western two-thirds of the state. In 1966, **Peter N. Jensen** held range judging training schools in eastern Nebraska. The range judging areas were then expanded to cover all 93 Nebraska counties. The number of participants competing in area range judging contests grew from 253 participants in 1963 to a high of 1137 in 1974. Over the past five years the average number of participants in area contests has been 700. Participation in the state

range judging contests has grown steadily from 50 in 1956 to a high of 442 in 1995. A travel Scholarship was established in 1990 to support team travel to the Old West Regional Range Judging contest or National Land, Pasture and Range Judging Contest.

The Nebraska Range Shortcourse was organized in 1978, with **Dan Bose** serving as the first coordinator. The purpose of the course was to give adults with a background in agriculture or natural resources the opportunity to familiarize themselves with range management. Since 1980, the Range Shortcourse has been co-sponsored by University of Nebraska-Lincoln (UN-L) with Dr. **Lowell Moser** serving as coordinator. The week long course is held every other year, and may be taken for college credit through UN-L or Chadron State College. Since its beginnings in 1980 through 1994, 369 individuals have attended the course.

In 1963, the Nebraska Section began the "Nebraska Range Management Award". The recipient was recognized for outstanding success in the management and improvement of Nebraska range resources. The first recipient of the award was Dr. **J. E. Weaver**. In 1975, the award was renamed the "Nebraska Rangeman of the Year Award" and in 1977 was changed to the "Rangeman's Award". This award recognizes ranchers for outstanding success in management and improvement of Nebraska rangeland resources. A second award was created in 1975 and revised in 1977. The "Outstanding Service Award" was renamed the "Range Management Service Award" and recognizes range professionals for outstanding services in the development and use of Nebraska rangeland resources.

In addition to the annual awards, the Nebraska Section has occasionally sponsored a special award to recognize outstanding contributions to range management and/or the Nebraska Section. In 1986, **Marianne Beel**, Valentine, was awarded the "Special Award" for her news articles and feature stories promoting range management. In 1989, the **Reed Hamilton** Family, Thedford, received the "Special Award" for their support of the Section's youth education programs. In 1992, **Don Cox**, Mullen, received the "Special Award" to recognize his life long commitment to SRM, the Nebraska Section, youth education, and range stewardship.

In 1964, the Nebraska Section, SRM began work to gain support to designate the state native grass. In 1968, the Section's efforts were rewarded when Legislative Bill 729, co-sponsored by the Nebraska Section, was passed. This legislation designated little bluestem as Nebraska's State Grass. With this action, Nebraska became the first state to legally designate a State native grass.

The Nebraska Section holds an Annual Meeting in the fall, and sponsors either a state-wide tour or several smaller tours in the summer. The Section has worked cooperatively with other states on several annual meetings. In 1971, the Section co-sponsored a Tri-state meeting (Nebraska, Wyoming, and South Dakota) at Crawford. In 1982, the Nebraska and Kansas-Oklahoma Sections co-sponsored a Ranch

Management Field Day near Mankato, KS. In 1986, the section co-sponsored a Tri-State field day (Nebraska, Kansas, and Colorado) at the **Maddux** Ranch near Wauneta, in conjunction with the **Maddux** Ranch centennial celebration. In 1994, a Tri-State Meeting (Nebraska, South Dakota, and Wyoming) was held in Hot Springs, SD.

In 1980, the Student Chapter began sponsoring an Annual Rangeland Symposium; in 1993, it was renamed the Natural Resources Symposium and was co-sponsored by the UN-L Range Club, the Soil and Water Resources Club, and the Wildlife Club.

In 1995, the Nebraska Section began a Family Range Camp. The first camp was held south of Chadron on the **O'Rourke** ranch. **Jenny Nixon** and **Tony Hindman** directed this first camp. To help finance the development of the Family Range Camp, the Section received a grant from the Nebraska Environmental Trust. Funds from this grant were also designated for improvements in the Range Youth Camp.

### Northern Great Plains Section Society for Range Management: 1950-1995

Summarized by Don Kirby

The Northern Great Plains Section, Society for Range Management (formerly American Society of Range Management: 1948-1971) was organized January 24, 1950, following discussions beginning in January, 1948. Some members suggested each state (Montana, North Dakota, & South Dakota) form a section, leaving Canadian members to decide their own future. Other members called for a section based on commonality of regional rangeland characteristics and range management problems and practices. At Miles City, Montana, in November, 1949, members favoring a regional approach to sectional boundaries prevailed. A constitution and by-laws were established and submitted to the Society. On January 12, 1950, the constitution was approved by the Society Council, thus establishing the Northern Great Plains (NGP) Section.

The first constitution did not establish a specific boundary; it stated "... who reside in Montana, North Dakota, South Dakota, and Canada, and other Society members who are interested in the Northern Great Plains." Members from western Montana and Alberta requested a change in the definition of Section membership to permit their membership in the NGP Section. This proposal was rejected, leaving western Montana and Alberta members no choice but to establish a new section, the Northern International Mountain Section. That Section was renamed the International Mountain (IM) Section in 1950. In December, 1950, the South Dakota members of the Section concluded they had sufficient membership and interest to establish a state section. The South Dakota Section was established in 1950.

The western boundary of the Section has always been somewhat controversial. The boundary was not described in the



first constitution and by-laws. In 1951, the two Section Councils (NGP & IM) met and agreed on a boundary description. This boundary left some "mountain country" in the NGP Section and some "plains country" in the IM Section. The GNP Section revised their constitution in 1968 to describe the boundary as "... a south-north line running through Chance, Bridger, Columbus, Big Timber, Harlowtown, Moccasin, and great falls, continuing north to include that part of Alberta lying east of the line running through Aden, Bow Island, Brooks, Settler, Camrose, and Edmonton." The IM Section met and revised their eastern boundary to essentially describe the same boundary. A new NGP boundary change was approved by both sections and the Society Board of Directors in 1994. It reads, "For administrative purposes, the NGP Section shall be considered to include the State of North Dakota, the provinces of Manitoba and Saskatchewan, and that part of Montana lying east from the eastern boundary of the following counties: Toole, Pondera, Teton, Cascade, Meagher, and Park.

In the early 1960's, fall group meetings of the NGP Section were organized in North Dakota, Montana, Alberta, and Saskatchewan, and were operational for a few years. In 1969, the Section had its first Chapter formed in North Dakota. The Yellowstone Chapter, south of the Missouri River, was formed in 1971 and the international Chapter, north of the Missouri River and centered around Swift Current, was formed in 1972. In 1980, a petition was submitted by members north of the Missouri River in Montana to form a Hiline Chapter and was accepted by the Section. In 1987, the Prairie-Parkland Chapter was formed in the province of Saskatchewan.

Membership has generally increased each year of Section existence. There were 104 members in 1951 with a 1995 membership of 315 making NGP Section the fourth largest. Two student chapters are official members of the Section. The Montana State University Chapter joined the Section in 1951 and the North Dakota State University Chapter joined the Section in 1982.

### **New Mexico Section Society for Range Management: 1950-1995**

Summarized by Geneva Dawkins

The New Mexico Section, Society for Range Management (formerly American Society of Range Management: 1948-1971) was organized March 22, 1950. One of the greatest achievements of the New Mexico Section was realized in 1993 when the international Society for Range Management held the Annual Meeting in Albuquerque. Under the leadership of president **Ray T. Margo, Jr.**, USDA, Soil Conservation Service, the SRM New Mexico Section was host to nearly 2000 individuals who attended the meeting, with approximately 1700 registered participants. One of the highlights of the Annual Meeting was a special plenary session on "How Do We Develop Partnerships?"

Early records reflect Dr. **Carlton H. Herbel** was President in 1963 and the organization name was New Mexico Section, American Society of Range Management. A student chapter had been initiated at NMSU. Emphasis for the Section was on increasing publicity and becoming better known, and improving the activities to include more programs of interest to ranchers, technicians, and others. A newsletter was begun. In 1966, President **Richard C. Johnson** emphasized a membership drive. In 1968, **Daniel L. Merkel** established the rules for the New Mexico Range Award Program.

The earliest by-laws on file were adopted December, 1973. The Section organized as a not-for-profit Corporation. The next recorded data was the 1976 Planning Committee Report. Dr. **Rex Pieper**, New Mexico State University Range Professor was then President. The focus was on the Range Youth Camp. The first newsletter for the Section was issued on January 1976. On July 1, 1976, the Section had 264 paid members.

During the 1980s, the Section under the Presidency of Dr. **Gary Donart**, NMSU, assisted in the creation of the North Chapter. The Student Range Chapter at NMSU was also very active. The Scholarship Fund had been established and a Scholarship Committee selected a recipient annually. The Youth Range Camp was going strong with **Chris Allison** as its leader.

In 1983, under the leadership of Dr. **Reldon Beck**, President, SRM, New Mexico Section, preparations were underway to host the International SRM Annual Meeting. One of the highlight of the Annual Meeting was the Range Man of the Year Award. **Jesse Gerard** was the recipient. **Gerard** dedicated his life to the improvement of the New Mexico rangelands. He was responsible for starting the annual brush and weed control conference held at NMSU. He initiated the annual Youth Range Camp program for high school students. **Gerard** has since retired. He and his wife live in Las Cruces, New Mexico.

### **Nevada Section Society for Range Management: 1951-1995**

Summarized by Les McKenzie

The Nevada Section, Society for Range Management (formerly American Society of Range Management: 1948-1971) got its start in 1950 with several informal meetings of a self-appointed committee made up of **William N. White**, Dr. **Joseph H. Robertson**, **E. R. "Tiny" Greenslet**, and Dr. **W. D. Billings**. These men passed a petition requesting the parent society to create the Nevada Section, drafted the constitution and called an organizational meeting. ASRM listed 27 members residing in Nevada on September 10, 1950.

The Section was authorized by ASRM on January 12, 1951, and formally organized January 25, 1951. Several meetings were held the first year to develop and adopt a constitution and by-laws. The Section hosted the Tri-State Reseeding Conference tour in northwest Nevada, northeast California, and southern Oregon.



**Oklahoma Section**  
**Society for Range Management: 1950-1995**  
Summarized by Dick Bogard

The first annual section meeting was held on January 29, 1952, in Winnemucca with 24 persons in attendance. The technical session included papers on the "Pilot District in Northeastern Elko County (one of the first Coordinated Resource Management planning efforts), "Use and Culture of Tall Wheatgrass," and "Problems and Research on Halogeton Control."

A project to install road signs along Nevada Highways to identify adjacent rangelands and their use was initiated in 1953.

Summer tours during the 1950s concentrated on viewing the latest techniques, successes, and failures in carrying out range improvement projects, primarily brush control, seeding, and halogeton control efforts.

The Section sponsored the first University of Nevada Grass Judging Team to compete at the 1958 winter meeting in Phoenix.

In 1960, the Section cooperated with the Northeast Elko Soil Conservation District in the development and promotion of a sequel to the movie "Grass the Elko Way."

In 1961, the first Nevada Section Range Man of the Year Award was presented to Dr. **Joseph H. Robertson**. The Section prepared an exhibit for use at fairs and conventions, the Nevada Youth Range Camp was initiated in cooperation with the Agricultural Extension Service and the **Charles E. Flemming** Range Scholarship program was established for worthy Range Management students attending the University of Nevada.

The Nevada section hosted the 1965 National ASRM winter meeting in Las Vegas and the February, 1971, International SRM winter meeting, held in Reno. Thirteen of the 16 high schools in Nevada participated in the 1971 Range Judging Contest. The name of the **Charles E. Flemming** Range Management Scholarship was changed to the **Flemming-Robertson** Scholarship to honor Dr. **Joe Robertson** on his retirement from UNR.

The Nevada Section was incorporated in 1974. Girls were admitted to the Youth Range Camp for the first time.

The Nevada Section hosted the International SRM 1977 Summer Meeting and tour in Elko. The Section was successful in having Indian Ricegrass named as the official State grass.

The Section published its 30 year (1950-1980) history in 1981.

In 1983, the **Flemming-Robertson** Scholarship was increased to allow two \$500 scholarships to be awarded yearly if highly qualified applicants were available.

The 1990 International SRM Winter Meeting was held in Reno in February.

The office of Section Executive Vice-President was established in 1992.

The Oklahoma Section was initiated through approval for separation from the Kansas-Oklahoma Section in February, 1992; originally the Kansas-Oklahoma Section was initiated March 6, 1950, with approval by the Society for Range Management (formerly American Society of Range Management: 1948-1971). Oklahoma's involvement with SRM began with its organizational meeting as the Kansas-Oklahoma Section on February 10, 1950, at Woodard, Oklahoma. Nineteen members attended and signed the petition for recognition which was approved that spring. Dr. **Jack R. Harlan**, Woodard, Oklahoma, was elected chairman.

Fall and winter meetings were held each year alternating between Kansas and Oklahoma. These meetings proved to be very successful and beneficial. In 1960, Range Youth Camps were developed in each state. In 1972, the Section was successful in leading the Oklahoma State Legislature to adopt Indiangrass as the State Grass of Oklahoma. Section membership grew to over 200. An educational and informative newsletter was published from the beginning.

Tulsa, Oklahoma, hosted the 12th Annual SRM Meeting in 1959 and the 34th in 1981. In 1970, a committee began collecting and tabulating data on Natural Areas. In 1975, a map was printed showing a comprehensive coverage by these areas in both states. In 1982, separate chapters were formed in each state. In February, 1992, SRM approved Oklahoma's request for a separate section. Oklahoma has continued its active participation since that time with 29 individuals attending the 47th Annual Meeting in Colorado Springs, Colorado. Current membership exceeds 130.

Current activities include an Annual Youth Range Ecology Camp at Camp Redlands, Stillwater, Oklahoma, Excellence in Range Management Awards, a regular newsletter, display booths for cattlemen and other meetings, Oklahoma State University student chapter, an annual Teacher Educators Workshop at Tahlequah, Oklahoma, and meetings and tours each year. In 1992, the Oklahoma State Legislature passed a resolution designating November as Range Management Month in Oklahoma.

The Oklahoma Section worked with the Kansas Section to host the 1996 Annual Meeting in Wichita, Kansas. The 1964 SRM Annual Meeting was also held at Wichita and hosted by the then Kansas-Oklahoma Section.

## Pacific Northwest Section Society for Range Management: 1949-1995

Summarized by Grant A. Harris

The Pacific Northwest Section, Society for Range Management (formerly American Society of Range Management: 1948-1971) was organized November 2, 1949, and takes humble pride in having had a significant part in the successful initialization of the Society, from the 1946 survey of interest until the election of first ASRM President and Vice President, **Joseph F. Pechanec** (FS) and **W. T. White** (SCS), both from our section membership (*JRM* 1(1):40). Required approval to establish the Pacific Northwest Section was dated 22 November, 1949, specifying boundaries to include members living in Oregon (42), Washington (19), and British Columbia (2), for a total of 63 (5th section in the Society). The first section meeting assembled in downtown Pendleton, Oregon, offices of the Umatilla Forest Supervisor's headquarters in May 1950, with **John Clouston** making local arrangements. The one-day meeting included an morning paper-reading session and afternoon business meeting. **Fred Kennedy** was elected President, **E. R. Jackman** Vice-President, and **John Clouston** Secretary-Treasurer. Constitution and by-laws were adopted. Members and visitors numbered about 80 (including 5 from Canada).

Section meetings and summer tours have been held annually since 1950, hosted by various chapters, from Blue Sky Motel in southern Oregon to Dawson Creek, British Columbia, Canada. When ASRM began accepting invitations to attend section meetings and field tours their second field tour took us all to Kamloops, B.C. (1958, **Wm. Pringle**, local arr.). The Canadians met us at the border with their wives, politicians, and "Moose Milk" supply (some wild party). Other ASRM-SRM meetings hosted by the section include: 1960, Portland OR (**D.W. Hedrick**); 1967, Seattle WA (**W.R. Hoffman / Dillard H. Gates**); 1977, Portland OR (**D.L. Merkel / M.M. Kothmann**); 1984, Wenatchee WA tour (**E.G. McCuthen / Tom Brannon/B. Leonard**); 1989, Kamloops, BC tour (**Alastair McLean**); 1992, Spokane WA (**Grant A. Harris / Chad Bacon**).

The history of Youth Range Camps preceded ASRM in Oregon (**E. R. Jackman**), and also became important activities in Washington in 1951. Financial support was allocated from section budgets for camp equipment and supplies. Youth camps slowly became an unbearable burden to all concerned, and by 1990 all in the section had been abandoned. Section-sponsored essay contest winners have been given expense paid attendance at section and society meetings, where they reported their subjects on the programs. Youth publications "Range, its Nature and Use" and "Northwest Range Plant Manual" were prepared and distributed in county agent's offices in Washington, Oregon, and Idaho.

Pacific Northwest Section ASRM Charter Members 1948: **Susie Abe, E. Schuyler Albert, E. Wm. Anderson, Allan T. Arnason, Eldon E. Ball, O.L. Beedon, John W. Bohning, Melvin H. Burke, G. John Chohlis, John G. Clouston,**

**Kenneth Crawford, Lester V. Davenport, Howard R. DeLano, Milo H. Deming, Nowell D. Dickson, M.E. Ensminger, Carl M. Ewing, Waldo R. Frandsen, Allan W. Galbraith, M.H. Galt, Geo. A. Garrison, A.L. Hafenrichter, Grant A. Harris, Robert W. Harris, Oscar B. Heintz, Robert W. Henderson, Arthur L. Holding, L.L. Houglund, R.R. Humphrey, Donald N. Hyder, Floyd Iverson, E.R. Jackman, C. Glen Jorgensen, Fred H. Kennedy, John M. Kucera, Wm. C. Lightfoot, Rulon L. Meford, F.W. Merewether, Don Miller, Glenn E. Mitchell, Joseph Muir, John E. McDonald, Alastair McLean, Leon R. Nadeau, J.F. Pechanec, Kenneth B. Platt, Frederick J. Pratt, Charles L. Rants, Elbert H. Reid, Robert S. Rummell, W.A. Sawyer, Perry E. Skarra, Virgil E. Starr, E.H. Steffen, E.W. Stevenson, Carl L. Sundquist, John L. Wahrgren, William C. Weir, Wayne W. West, Wilton T. White, Thomas G. Willis, and Thomas I. Wilson.**

The following PNW Section members have served as SRM(ASRM) officers and/or received awards: Presidents: **Joseph E. Pechanec** 1948; **Fred H. Kennedy** 1960; **E. William Anderson** 1962; **Dillard Gates** 1975, and **Thomas E. Bedell** 1989. Board: **J.F. Pechanec, E. William Anderson, John Cholis, Avon Denham, Dillard Gates, Alastair McLean, Thomas E. Bedell, Linda Hardesty, and John C. Buckhouse.** SRM Awards: Special Awards-**John G. Clouston** and **Rexford F. Daubenmire.** Fredric G. Renner Awards: **E. William Anderson** and **Thomas Bedell.** Outstanding Achievement Awards: **E. William Anderson, T. G. Willis, Reginald M. DeNio, Donald N. Hyder, Alastair McLean, John L. Schwendiman, Claude C. Dillon, Forrest A. Sneva, Myron Thomas Wallace, Edward J. DePuit, and D. Wayne Elmore.** Fellow Awards: **E. William Anderson, John G. Clouston, Dillard H. Gates, Alastair McLean, Donald N. Hyder, John L. Schwendiman, Thomas E. Bedell, Grant A. Harris, and Reginald M. DeNio.**

PNW Section Past-President List (\* Charter members): 1950 **Fred Kennedy**, 1951 **E. R. Jackman** (D), 1952 **Floyd Iverson**, 1953 **Leon Nadeau** (D), 1954 **John Schwendiman** (D), 1955 **John Clouston** (D), 1956 **T. G. Willis**, 1957 **E.W. Anderson** \*, 1958 **William Meiners**, 1959 **E. R. Brown**, 1960 **W.F. Currier**, 1961 **Tom Wallace**, 1962 **Charles Poulton**, 1963 **Grant A. Harris** \*, 1964 **Charles Waldron**, 1965 **Dillard Gates** \*, 1966 **Howard De Lano** \*, 1967 **Robert Harris** \*, 1968 **Claude Dillon** \*, 1969 **Alastair McLean** \*, 1970 **Graham Rice**, 1971 **Al Oard**, 1972 **Harry Wegeleben**, 1973 **Frank Stanton** \*, 1974 **Ben Roche** \*, 1975 **Gus Markgraf** \*, 1976 **Gus Markgraf** \*, 1977 **Albert L. van Ryswyk** \*, 1978 **Tom Bedell** \*, 1979 **Chad Bacon** \*, 1980 **Eugene Eggleston** (D)\*, 1981 **James McFarland**, 1982 **Don Blumenauer** \*, 1983 **Tom Brannon**, 1984 **Marvin Kaschke**, 1985 **Bill Krueger** \*, 1986 **Larry Lilley**, 1987 **Bud Shrode** \*, 1988 **Greg Tegart** \*, 1989 **Hugh Barrett** \*, 1990 **John C. Buckhouse** \*, 1991 **Phil Rumpel** \*, 1992 **Michael D. Pitt** \*, 1993 **John Tanaka**, 1994 **Mike J. Malmberg**, 1995 **Richard F. (Rick) Miller**, and 1996 **Linda H. Hardesty**.

PNW Section TRAIL BOSS AWARDS (For outstanding performance in furthering the science and art of Range Management in the Pacific Northwest): 1968 **Grant Harris**, WA, 1969 **Art Foss**, OR, 1970 **Laurence Møllergaard**, WA, 1971 **Jim and Paul DuPratt**, OR, 1972 **Ben Roche**, WA, 1973 **Joe Gjertson**, WA, 1974 **Charles Colton**, OR, 1975 **Claude Dillon**, WA, 1976 **John L. Schwendiman**, WA, 1977 **Alastair McLean**, BC, 1978 **Shirley Rugg**, OR, 1979 **Bob Steward**, OR, 1980 **Tom Wallace**, BC, 1981 **Howard Borgerding**, OR, 1982 **W.C. (Wilf) Pendray**, BC, 1983 **Ray Van Steinburg**, BC, 1984 **Bill Stewart**, BC, 1985 **E. William Anderson**, OR, 1986 **Dillard H. Gates**, OR, 1987 **Donald Baldwin**, OR, 1988 **Norman McClure**, WA, 1989 **Waynde Elmore**, OR, 1990 **Doc and Connie Hatfield**, OR, 1991 **Tom Bedell**, OR, 1992 **Alfred H. Bawtree**, (BC) 1993 **William C. Krueger**, OR, and 1994 **McCormack and Sons Ranches** (OR).

### South Dakota Section Society for Range Management: 1950-1995

Summarized by F. R. (Bob) Gartner

The South Dakota Section, Society for Range Management (formerly American Society of Range Management: 1948-1971) was organized with their first meeting February 21, 1950 in Rapid City, South Dakota. The number of South Dakota members had risen from a handful in January 1949 to about 35 in January 1950. Officers elected for 1950 were Chairman, **Leslie R. Albee**, Rapid City, SCS Range Conservationist; Vice-Chairman, **Henry P. Holzman**, Rapid City, SD State College Extension Serv.; Secretary-Treasurer, **Carl Ham**, Rapid City, SD State College Extension Serv. Three rancher members were elected to the Council: **Tom Costello**, Inlay; **Sam Wedmore**, Hermosa; and **Ernest Ham**, Piedmont. Chairman Albee, in April 1950, circulated a petition with a proposed constitution and by-laws among South Dakota members requesting their approval of Section status.

On May 19, 1950, 33 persons interested in rangelands attended a dinner meeting of the South Dakota "sub-section" at Custer. Guests included **Fred Renner**, ASRM past-president and Chief Range Conservationist, SCS, Washington, D.C.; **Edward G. Grest**, SCS, Washington, D.C.; **Dr. E.J. Dyksterhuis**, Chief, Range Management Division, SCS, Lincoln, NE; **Ralph M. Hartung**, SCS, Lincoln, NE; **Ralph R. Hill** and **Herbert E. Schwan**, US Forest Service, Denver; **Jim Cole**, National Park Service, Omaha, NE; and **Dr. Karl Rasmussen**, SD State College, Brookings.

In June 1950, 28 members and interested persons participated in the sixth plant ID contest sponsored by the "Range Society" at the **Colonel J. A. Wallace** place 3 miles west of Custer. The petition signed by 45 members was submitted in June to the Society Board of Directors. President **D. A. Savage** recommended Section status to the Directors on July 10, and approval was granted August 4. The Northern Great Plains Section gave final approval November 16, 1950.

The first annual meeting with Section status was held February 17, 1951, in Rapid City. Officers elected were Chairman: **Leslie R. Albee**; Vice-Chairman: **Ernest Ham**, Piedmont area rancher; Secretary-Treasurer: **Carl Ham**, Caputa area rancher; Council members: **Sam Wedmore**, Hermosa rancher; **Lester M. Berner**, SD Dept. of Game, Fish & Parks, Rapid City; **Hugh E. Martin**, US Forest Serv., Custer. The first Section newsletter, *Dakota Range News*, was published in April 1951.

The South Dakota Section third annual meeting in Rapid City, February 16, 1952, was declared a huge success as nearly one-half the 62 members and visitors in attendance were ranchers. A "spirited discussion" took place following a timely topic entitled Can We Approach Uniform Grazing Fees for Public Lands? **Carl Ham** was elected Chairman, **Francis Murphy**, Hermosa area rancher, Vice-Chairman, and **Henry Holzman** Secretary-Treasurer.

Section annual meetings have been held 15 times in Rapid City, 10 in Pierre, 3 times in Spearfish, twice in Brookings, Lemmon, Mobridge, Philip, Wall, and Winner, and once in Chamberlain, Custer, Hot Springs, Lead, and Murdo.

**Les Albee** organized the first joint meeting of the Northern Great Plains, Wyoming, and South Dakota Sections in September 1951 at Camp Bob Marshall near Custer. Other joint annual meetings were with Nebraska (1988) in Valentine, with Wyoming (1990) in Newcastle, and with both Nebraska and Wyoming in Hot Springs (September 1994). Annual meetings have been jointly held with the Soil and Water Conservation Society (formerly SCSA), Society of American Foresters, Professional Soil Classifiers Association, and SD Beef Improvement Federation. Summer range tours were jointly held with Nebraska (1969) and Wyoming (1971).

In 1964, the Section began recognizing ranchers for successful application of the science and art of range management. The Rangeman of the Year Award was presented annually until 1991 when the name was changed to the Excellence in Grazing Management Award. A plaque and a sign for the ranch entrance identify landowners as award recipients. To date, these awards have been presented to 74 families throughout the state.

Society summer and annual meetings hosted by the Section include:

<u>DATES</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>CHAIR(S)</u>
July 14-16, 1960	Custer	<b>D. Kennedy/ W.C. Krueger</b>
Feb. 11-15, 1963	Rapid City	<b>L.R. Albee</b>
July 29-31, 1971	Custer	<b>F.R. Gartner</b>
July 20-23, 1976	Custer St. Park	<b>K.E. Severson/ F.R. Gartner</b>
Feb. 12-17, 1984	Rapid City	<b>E.L. Anderson/ J.R. Johnson/ F.R. Gartner</b>

The South Dakota Section and Rapid City have the distinction of hosting the SRM 50th (Golden Anniversary) annual meeting in February 1997.

South Dakota Section members who have served on the Society Board of Directors include: **Leslie R. Albee**, 1955-57 and 1963; **Otto J. Wolff**, rancher, 1961-63; **F. Robert Gartner**, SDSU, 1972-74; **Charles E. Jordan**, rancher, 1989-91. **David A. Fischbach**, rancher, served as director, 1983-85, and was SRM president in 1994 after serving as first and second vice-president in 1992 and 1993.

The first meeting of the "Council of Section Officers", precursor to the Society Advisory Council, was chaired by **Les Albee** at the 1953 annual meeting in Albuquerque, NM. Other South Dakotans who have chaired this body include **Wayne VanderVorste**, **Carolyn Hull Sieg**, **Martin Beutler**, and **Robert Childress**.

**George Dobesh**, Meade Co. rancher and Section Chair 1955-56, first suggested a *JRM* rancher issue, which led to publication of *Ranchman's Issue*, Nov. 1956. Governor **Frank Farrar** signed House Bill 683 designating western wheatgrass (*Agropyron smithii*) the State Grass of South Dakota, February 18, 1970.

The 1st annual youth range camp, jointly sponsored by the SD Section and the Old West Regional Range Program, was held at Reva Gap in the Slim Buttes, July 19-20, 1975. **Dennie L. Simonson**, SCS, Buffalo, was the "ramrod", assisted by **Gene Handle**, SCS, Miles City; **Roy Roath**, SDSU; **Bob Hamner & Ron Stellingwerf**, USFS, Camp Crook; and **Bruce Birkeland**, Farmers State Bank, Faith.

The Society's Outstanding Achievement Award was presented to **Otto J. Wolff**, Rapid City area rancher-1974, **Ralph S. Cole**, SCS, Rapid City-1984, **James K. (Tex) Lewis**, SDSU-1984, **David J. Steffen**, SCS, White River-1993; and the Fellow Award to **F. Robert Gartner**, SDSU-1981, **James R. Johnson**, SDSU-1994, and **Rodney D. Baumberger**, NRCS-1995. **Charles M. Schumacher**, SCS, and **Ardell J. Bjugstad**, USFS, were honored with the Sustained Lifetime Achievement Award in 1993.

Section Top Hand Award recipients include **Arden R. Gronlund**, vo-ag teacher; **Thomas H. Pozarnsky**, SCS; **Ralph S. Cole**, SCS; **Charles M. Schumacher**, SCS; **James K. Lewis**, SDSU; **Verne Sheppard**, radio announcer; **David Fischbach**, rancher; **Armine R. Kuhlman**, ARS; **James R. Johnson**, SDSU; **Rodney J. Baumberger**, NRCS; **Jerry L. Johnston**, Meade Co. Ag. Agent; **Robert H. Haas**, EROS Data Center; **Charles E. Jordan**, rancher. The Special Service Award has been presented to **F.R. Gartner**, SDSU; **Dale Mallory**, Mellette Co. Ag. Agent; **James K. Lewis**, SDSU; and **James & Emily Jennings**, ranchers. The Range Management Achievement Award was awarded to ranchers **Ralph Waugh**, Reva (1971), and **Carl Sanson**, Buffalo Gap (1972).

South Dakota State University has one of the smallest range science enrollments among colleges competing in academic contests at the SRM annual meeting. Yet, SDSU teams frequently placed high in international competition, especially in the last 10 years, thanks to the dedication of **Gary E. Larson**, SDSU Professor of Botany. Plant Identification teams placed 2nd in 1989 & 1991, 3rd in 1984 & 1992, 4th in 1987, 1988,

1990, & 1994, and 6th in 1985 & 1986. Undergraduate Range Management Exam teams placed 1st in 1986, 2nd in 1984, 3rd in 1995, 4th in 1983, 1985 & 1994, and 5th in 1990, 1991 & 1992. The Section established an endowment fund in 1980 to provide financial support for youth education activities. Current value of the endowment is more than \$140,000.

## Southern Section

### Society for Range Management: 1951-1995

Summarized by Henry A. Pearson

The Southern Section, Society for Range Management (formerly American Society of Range Management: 1948-1971) was organized October 29, 1951, by 20 SRM members from the southeastern United States, under leadership of **Robert S. Campbell**, Range Management Division Chief, USDA Forest Service, Southern Forest Experiment Station, New Orleans, Louisiana. **John T. Cassady**, Alexandria, Louisiana, was elected the first chairperson. The Southern Section was approved by the SRM Board of Directors on October 29, 1951. Charter members were: **R. S. Campbell**, **J. T. Cassady**, **T. S. Coile**, **M. Griffin**, **L. K. Halls**, **E. M. Hodges**, **W. Hopkins**, **R. H. Hughes**, **W. G. Kirk**, **H. W. Lull**, **S. C. Martin**, **T. C. Montgomery**, **F. R. Nease**, **H. J. Oosting**, **R. B. Polk**, **E. S. Ruby**, **O. E. Sell**, **W. O. Shepherd**, **B. L. Southwell**, and **R. E. Williams**. The original territory covered 11 states: North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Florida, Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana, Arkansas, Tennessee, Kentucky, and Missouri. The Section was officially incorporated through the State of Mississippi on September 11, 1980.

The first Southern Section Annual Meeting was held at the Georgia Coastal Plain Experiment Station, Tifton, Georgia, on October 3-4, 1952; **W. O. Shepherd** was the program chairman. Subsequent meetings were held in Lake Charles, Louisiana (1953, 1963, 1972); Ona and Fort Myers, Florida (1954, 1961); Alexandria, Louisiana (1955, 1959, 1966); Tifton, Georgia (1956, 1958, 1962); Morrilton, Arkansas (1957; 1980, 1989); Gulfport, Mississippi (1961); Americus, Georgia (1964); Kissimmee, Florida (1965, 1975); Tallahassee, Florida (1967); Biloxi, Mississippi (1968); Hot Springs, Arkansas (1969); Gainesville, Florida (1970); Cumberland Gap, Tennessee (1971); Mississippi State, Mississippi (1973); Eatonton, Georgia (1974); Springfield, Missouri (1976, 1992, 1993); Lafayette, Louisiana (1977); Montgomery, Alabama (1978); Sarasota, Florida (1979); Long Beach, Mississippi (1981, 1982, 1983); Columbia, Missouri (1984); Oxford, Mississippi (1985); Grand Chenier, Louisiana (1986); West Plains, Missouri (1987); Woodworth, Louisiana (1988); Clinton, Missouri (1990); Saint Francisville, Louisiana (1991); Branson, Missouri (1993); Booneville, Arkansas (1994); and Phoenix, Arizona (1995). National meetings sponsored by the Southern Section included the 1966 New Orleans winter meeting and the 1983 Long Beach and 1993 Springfield summer meetings. The 1986 Orlando winter meeting was also cosponsored by the Southern

Section since Florida seceded from the Southern Section in December 1979 to form their own Section. Membership grew through the years from the original 20 Charter Members to a high of 156 members prior to loss of the Florida members in 1979 when membership dropped to 100 in 1980; membership has since varied from 65 to 100 with the 1994 number at 94 with 23 Life Members.

Southern Section Historians were **John T. Cassady** (1951-57), **Ralph H. Hughes** (1957-71), **Harold E. Grelen** (1971-85), and **Henry A. Pearson** (1985-95). Distinguished Service Award recipients included **Ralph Hughes** (1971), **Vinse Duvall** (1972), **Bob Campbell** (1973), **Lew Yarlett** (1974), **Al Johnson** (1975), **Harold Grelen** (1977), **John Cassady** (1978), **Cliff Lewis** (1979), **Jack Cutshall** (1981), **Dave Sanders** (1982), **Henry Pearson** (1983), **Steve Clubine** (1984), **Francis Ezernack** (1986), **Tom Shiflet** (1993), **Paul Martin** (1993), and **Wayne Weaver** (1995). Rangeman Award recipients included **Louie Whitaker** (1972), **Lynn Harrison** (1973), **Billie Roundtree** (1974), **Elvis Beaty** (1975), **Marshall McGregor** (1977), **Bob Agee** (1978), **J. B. Meaux** (1979), **Richard Walker** (1980), **Seth Baggett** (1981), **Doug Rollins** (1984), **Robert Felknor** (1995), **Richard Savage** (1995), and **Fred Hassien** (1995). President's Award recipients included **Wayne Weaver** (1977), **Lew Yarlett** (1979), **Jack Cutshall** (1982), **Voylene Gill** (1985), and **Tom Shiflet** (1993).

Special projects completed by the Southern Section: (1) 1952 Committee on Computing and Reporting the Production of Beef on Forest Ranges and Pastures in the South; report published in *JRM* 7:128-129. (2) 1953 SO/SRM Educational Exhibit which later resulted in the September 1955 "Range Resources of the South" Georgia Agric Exp Stn Bull N.S. 9, Committee members: **R.E. Williams**, **J.T. Cassady**, **L.K. Halls**, & **E.J. Woolfolk**. (3) Southern Section History: 1957-**J.T. Cassady**; 1963-**R.H. Hughes**; 1985-**H.E. Grelen**; 1995-**H.A. Pearson**. (4) 1974 Revision of "Range Resources of the South" Georgia Agric Exp Stn Bull N.S. 9, Committee members: **C.E. Lewis**, **H.E. Grelen**, **L.D. White**, & **C.W. Carter**. (5) Southern Range Bibliography: Committee members 1963: **R.S. Campbell**, **L.K. Halls**, & **H.P. Morgan**; 1968: **V.L. Duvall**, **A.W. Johnson**, & **L.L. Yarlett**; 1973: **H.A. Pearson**, **C.E. Lewis**, **G.E. Probasco**, & **G.L. Wolters**; and 1980: **H.A. Pearson**, **R.D. Child**, **E.K. Byington**, **H.E. Grelen**, & **C.E. Lewis**. (6) 1985 Southern Section SRM Handbook, Committee members: **R.E. Thill**, **R. Baker**, **J. Cutshall**, **W. Moline**, & **S. Halverson**.

Internationally, **Robert S. Campbell** was the only elected SRM officer from the Southern Section; he was elected to the Board of Directors in 1949 and president in 1958.

SRM awards to Southern Section members include: Special Award: **R. S. Campbell**-Citation for Editor's Services, 1969. Outstanding Achievement Award: **R. S. Campbell**-1967; **Sharp Bros.**-1981; **H. A. Pearson**-1985; **Thomas N. Shiflet**-1986; **Jack R. Cutshall**-1996. Fellow Award: **R. S. Campbell**-1977; **John T. Cassady**-1979; **Thomas N. Shiflet**-1996. W. R. Chapline Research Award: **H. A. Pearson**-1987

## Texas Section

### Society for Range Management: 1949-1995

Summarized by R. Q. Landers

The Texas Section, Society for Range Management (formerly American Society of Range Management: 1948-1971) was approved June 20, 1949. The Texas Section Society organized in response to a petition signed by 19 Texas A&M University faculty and students on April 26, 1949. **Harold F. Heady**, **Robert R. Rhodes** and **A. H. Walker** were selected as a committee to prepare for the election of officers on January 12, 1950 at the annual meeting of the American Society of Range Management held in San Antonio. **Harold F. Heady** was elected as the first chairman of the Texas Section. This was the first year of the general drought that continued in Texas for another six years.

By 1954 the Texas Section had 159 members and a newsletter. **H. M. Bell** was Chairman, **H. M. Phillips** was Vice-Chairman in charge of programs with five meetings scheduled for the year. **C. A. Rechenthin** was Secretary-Treasurer and **Dub Waldrip** was newsletter editor. At the annual meeting that year at College Station 74 members attended.

The first Youth Range Camp was held at Junction in August 1955 with **A. H. Walker** and **R. Q. Landers, Jr.**, Camp Directors, and 14 boys attending. By 1987 and 32 years of Range Camp more than 1000 high school youth, girls and boys, had attended the week long camp. **A. H. Fred Walker**, **Bob Ragsdale** and more recently **Barron S. Rector** have assumed primary leadership. Now described as Youth Range Workshop, it continues as an annual event with much demand for the 36 available slots.

Prior to the Range Camp the youth activity of the Texas Section was limited to the selection of an outstanding range student in a Texas college for recognition at the annual meeting. At Alpine in 1952 **Norwin E. Linnartz**, Texas A&M University, was the first. Soon this was changed to select an outstanding junior and senior range curriculum was offered. This recognition has continued to the present. Plant identification contests for students have been conducted at many of the annual meetings.

The Texas Section hosted the annual meeting of the Society for Range Management in 1950 and 1978 in San Antonio, 1962 and 1988 in Corpus Christi.

In 1958, the Texas Section started recognizing the person making an Outstanding Contribution to Range Management in Texas. It is the most prestigious award given by the Section. Originally designated as the Outstanding Rangeman Award, it was changed to the present title by the Board of Directors in 1985. The first to receive this award was **V. A. Young**, Head of the Range and Forestry Department at Texas A&M University. Ranchers, agency personnel, researchers and teachers have been recognized by the award which has been presented every year to the present.

In 1968 when **Cy Richmond** was Chairman, recognition was begun for Excellent in Grazing Management with **Rudy Federson** recognizing the first dozen recipients at the annual

meeting in San Angelo. Well over 300 ranch operators in Texas have received this designation (from 1975 to the present). It is the only award that doesn't involve competition. It recognizes those ranchers who have demonstrated excellent skill and knowledge in practicing sound grazing management on rangeland and associated forage resources. The title was changed in 1994 to Excellence in Rangeland Management.

More recently, a county-level award program was established to recognize individuals who have made outstanding contributions in their home county. Four categories are included: Texas Agricultural Extension Service, Natural Resources Conservation Service (formerly Soil Conservation Service), Vocational Agricultural and other.

A Special Recognition Award was begun in 1982 because some people who deserve recognition do not fit easily into the other established categories. On an occasional basis an individual who has made outstanding contributions to the general field of range management is recognized at the annual meeting. **Elmer Kelton**, former reporter for the *Livestock Weekly* and noted author, was the first to receive this award.

In 1991, the Fellow Award was initiated to recognize exceptional service to the Texas Section. **Wayne Hanselka** was the first recipient of this award.

By 1975, the Texas Section membership had risen to 580 then leveled off at about 650 to the present time. Officers now consist of a President, First Vice-President, Second Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer and six Directors. A Newsletter Editor is appointed by the President, and usually six issues are published each year. The newsletter was called the *Texas Section Newsletter* until the name was changed to *Grass Roots* with the November-December 1993 issue.

The Texas Section officers and members early on recognized the need for money to support the objectives of the society. When **Don Huss** was president in 1962 he asked people attending the annual meeting in San Angelo to contribute one dollar to a Loan Fund which was to be used to help students going to college. Following a \$10,000 grant help students going to college. Following a \$10,000 grant from the Moody Foundation, **Bob Ragsdale** in the late 1960's revamped the Loan Fund into the Memorial Scholarship Fund, with the interest from the fund providing scholarships for students. About 1982, an Endowment Fund was established. Profits from the annual meeting which the Board of Directors so designates are transferred into these funds. Gifts are also solicited. Interest from the Endowment Fund is available to be used by the Board for special projects. In 1992 the Endowment Fund stood at \$26,564 and the Scholarship Fund at \$31,097.

**B. B. Keng** was appointed historian in the late 1950's. In 1962, **Sam Coleman** was appointed Archivist and **Ben Sims**, President Elect, acquired tax-exempt status for the Texas Section. In 1986, the Archivist became a part of the Southwest Collection of Texas Tech University Library through efforts of **Ron Sosebee**. In late 1980's **Jan Wiedemann** was appointed Archivist.

## Utah Section

### Society for Range Management: 1949-1995

Summarized by Michael H. Ralphs

The Utah Section, Society for Range Management (formerly American Society of Range Management: 1948-1971) was initiated May 7, 1949 in Salt Lake City. Utah was the birthplace of the American Society of Range Management, which was organized January 30, 1948, in a meeting of Rangeland professionals at the Newhouse Hotel in Salt Lake City. **Joe Pechanec**, Intermountain Forest and Range Experiment Station, USDA Forest Service, was the first President. Other presidents of the parent society from the Utah Section include **Bill Hurst**, **Thad Box**, and **Stan Tixier**. The Utah Section was organized on May 7, 1949, in Salt Lake City. **Harold J. Burback** (BLM) was chosen chairman of the group of 22 Society members, and a petition was directed to the national organization for establishment of the Utah Section. At the time of its organization, Utah boasted that it had more members than any other state, with 114 members.

The Utah State University student chapter was created in 1957, and the Brigham Young University student chapter in 1964. They provided opportunities for students to participate in the Society affairs, the Student Conclave, as well as provide a fraternal organization. Later, the Southern Chapter was established in 1968, and the Northern Chapter in 1971 to increase activity and facilitate participation of members living away from metropolitan areas.

A scholarship was initiated in 1953 to be given each year to a college senior enrolled in a recognized range management curriculum. The award was to be given on the basis of "scholarship, interest in range management, leadership, promise of success in the profession, and financial need." A permanent scholarship endowment fund was established in 1972 from profits (\$2500) the Section garnered from the Great Basin Field Tour. The scholarship was named in honor of the late **Dr. L. A. Stoddart**. The annual award started at \$300, and has grown to \$1000 in 1994. The Section is currently in the process of endowing a second scholarship.

In 1954, an awards program was initiated by the Utah Section with **Selar Hutchings** as chairman. Two categories were suggested: (1) Stockman of the Year, which evolved into the Rancher of the Year, and (2) Professional Contribution to Range Management, which evolved into Range Manager of the Year. These awards recognized outstanding contributions to the management of Utah's rangelands and to the profession of Range Management.

Almost from the beginning, the Utah Section focused on youth programs as a means of spreading knowledge and understanding of range management principles. Youth activities were seen as means for speeding up acceptance of range management as a practical tool by ranchers. Activities included range plant identification and judging programs among 4-H clubs, essay contests involving high school seniors, sponsoring young people to the annual meeting to participate in

Range Youth Forums, and sponsoring conservation camps. There has been a great deal of cooperation between the Extension Service and the Utah Section in sponsoring and providing leadership for the Youth Camp starting in 1954 with **Grant Harris**, the first Extension Forestry-Range Specialist, and passing to **John Valentine**, **Karl Prarker**, **Fee Busby**, **Jeff Murphy**, and currently **Mark Francis**. The Utah Soil Conservation Districts have jointly sponsored the youth camps.

The life blood of the Section has been its tours and meetings. The summer tours, often jointly hosted with the Utah Cattlemen and Wool Growers, and Soil Conservation Districts, have provided opportunities to see the results of range research, implementation of improved management practices, and innovative management systems. Showcasing these examples of good range management provided an excellent technology transfer tool, as well as recognizing the contributions of those who have worked hard to improve the rangelands. Noteworthy tours include: Benmore Research Area and the Desert Experimental Range 1952; Restoration of the Grantsville dust bowl 1953; grass seedlings at the Tintic Research Pastures 1958; Curlew National Grasslands 1962; Juniper control for wildlife habitat improvement in Sanpete County 1966; the Oak Creek Experimental Stewardship Range at Scipio 1982; and the prescribed burning for wildlife habitat restoration around Flaming Gorge 1994.

The Utah Section hosted the International Winter Meetings of the Society in 1948, 1961, and 1985, and hosted the 5th International Rangeland Congress in 1995. It also hosted the following International Summer Meetings and tours: Hardware Ranch elk feeding and management area 1966; the Great Basin Experiment Station 1972, celebrating its 50th anniversary and recognition of **Arthur W. Sampson** for his pioneering range research; Canyonlands and LaSal Mountain tour 1978; and the 1992 Park City meeting that addressed Rangelands Shifting Values.

Beginning in 1954, the Utah Section joined with other professional natural resource organizations in sponsoring an annual meeting each spring which has become part of Conservation Week at Utah State University. Symposia were organized to address the timely and important issues dealing with natural resources conservation and management. The Utah Section also hosted the National Noxious Range Weed Symposium in conjunction with the Poisonous Plant Lab in 1990.

Range improvement in Utah has been facilitated by its active research community. Pioneering research was conducted on mountain watersheds at the Great Basin Station by **Arthur W. Sampson**, and on the desert ecology at the Desert Range Experiment Station by **Selar Hutchings** and **Ralph Holmgren**. The Intermountain Forest Service Research Station employed several noted scientists: **Jim Blaisdell** and **Joe Pechanec** conducted early work on defoliation of important range species; **Perry Plummer** and **Neil Frischknecht** provided valuable insights into native and improved plant

species; **Steve Munson** and **Durant McArthur** from the Shrub Lab in Provo developed improved shrub species; and **Walt Muggler** from the Forest Lab in Logan continued to advance knowledge on forest community ecology. **A. C. Hull** from the USDA/ARS Range Reseeding Lab improved technology for seeding rangeland grasses, and the Forage and Range Research Lab continued to develop improved plant varieties. **Wayne Binns** and **Lynn James**, USDA/ARS Poisonous Plant Lab, contributed knowledge to reduce livestock losses to poisonous plants. Utah State University and the Utah Agricultural Experiment Station produced several leading scientists: **Larry Stoddart**, **Art Smith**, and **Thad Box** wrote successive editions of the fundamental text *Range Management*; **C. Wayne Cook** and **Lorin Harris** pioneered research on range livestock nutrition; **Art Smith's** research on wildlife-livestock relationships over several decades, followed by **Phil Urness**, provided a foundation for wildlife habitat management; **Neil West** increased the understanding of pinyon-juniper ecology; **Martyn Caldwell** described the physiological aspects of competition between bunchgrass and sagebrush; **John Workman** and **Darwin Neilson** have been pivotal in the grazing fee issue, and have provided economic theory and assessments of range improvements and ranching operations; **Jim Bowns** demonstrated the advantages of common-use grazing; and **Fred Provenza** pioneered diet training and modification of grazing behavior. **John Valentine**, Brigham Young University, published books on Range Improvements and Grazing Management, and his synopsis of range research in *JRM* helped keep the Range profession current. **Al Winward**, Forest Service Intermountain Region, described the ecology of plant communities on mountain rangelands and riparian areas.

The Forest Service Intermountain Region, headquartered in Ogden, provided innovation to management on forest lands, BLM has been progressive in management of Public Lands, and SCS has contributed to improved range management on private lands. Indeed, all of the hard working individual in the Utah Section have advanced the Range Management profession and improved the condition of Utah rangelands.

## Wyoming Section Society for Range Management: 1948-1995

Summarized by A. A. Beetle.

The Wyoming Section, Society for Range Management (formerly American Society of Range Management: 1948-1971) was organized in December 1948. The Wyoming Section got off to a weedy start in March 1948, but with an idea here and there, suddenly there was a flourishing band of hardy perennials. The first seed was planted in June 1948, making the Wyoming effort the first nationally to be formed under the new Society umbrella. Soon there followed a flurry of activities, e.g. a thesis at the University of Wyoming on pellet seeding (cf. **Barnard** 1950); a new curriculum in range



management (cf. **Born** 1949); an annotated listing of grass names (**A. A. Beetle** 1948) to blossom in later years as the hard bound third edition of the Grasses of Wyoming; the Wyoming Range Management Scholarship fund, first of its kind (cf. Wyoming Range Management issue 101) later to proliferate into two funds, one for graduate students and another for undergraduates; a study of sagebrush (December 1956, Wyoming Range Management issue 100) later to become a range plant classic (A Study of Sagebrush 1962).

The Wyoming Section and the University of Wyoming faculty played an important role in developing range managers into a healthy stand of perennials, e.g. 1) **W. A. Laycock**, from gophers (Wyoming Range Management issue 64) to a PhD at Rutgers; 2) **J. Reed**, from Wyoming Section secretary to President of the University of New Hampshire; 3) **A. A. Beetle**, from elk (Wyoming Range Management issue 51) to aspen and grass taxonomist; 4) **O. Barnes**, from SCS to Wyoming's first Extension Specialist and founder of the first range camp; 5) **K. Johnson**, from bluegrass (Wyoming Range Management issue 80) to Department Head, University of Idaho; **D. R. Smith**, from elk to a PhD and USFS-RMF&R Experiment Station.

Early field trips of the Section went to USFS exclosures in SE Wyoming. University faculty, Federal agency personnel, and ranchers played equal roles (cf. Wyoming Range Management issue 31, **J. L. Budd** from Big Piney, WY, "A Rancher's Viewpoint).

Thus, the weed patch of annuals turned perennial and led to such endeavors as the first summer meeting held in Jackson Hole, WY, with master of ceremonies, Senator **Cliff Hansen** (also former Governor of Wyoming) who was the first national legislator to hold SRM membership while still in Congress. Wyoming challenged the Montana schools to a range plant ID contest that continues to this day (cf. Wyoming Range Management issue 26, **F. M. Churchill**, 1950, "The Development of a Range Plant Identification Contest for Wyoming").

The Wyoming Range Management publication issues attest by their titles to the breadth of the rangeland management movement in Wyoming. The following issues were on the indicated topics and provide just a sample of activities and topics: 2 on burning, 7 on grasshoppers, 8 on reseeding, 13 on water, 15 on mechanical treatment, 21 on pellet seeding, 29 on stock water development, and 44 on choosing a Wyoming state grass. These valued historic Wyoming Range Management issues ended in June 1971 with issue 279, but a complete set resides in the **A. A. Beetle** Reference Collection, housed in the Rangeland Ecology and Watershed Department, University of Wyoming.

The Wyoming Section has had 225-275 members in recent years, employed in a variety of agencies, institutions, ranching, and other natural resource management endeavors. Current members address many of the problems of their predecessors and a lot of new ones as does the Society. The Society and Section has honored a number of Wyoming Section members for their service to the Society and resource

management. A sampling of these include: Renner Award: **A. A. Beetle** 1985; **W. A. Laycock** 1993, Chapline Research Award: **R. H. Hart** 1992, Outstanding Achievement Award: **A. A. Beetle** 1977; **W. A. Laycock** 1985; **R. H. Hart** 1989; **Q. D. Skinner** 1992; **H. G. Fisser** 1992; **M. A. Smith** 1993; **J. L. Dodd** 1995; **G. E. Schuman** 1995, Fellow Award: **A. A. Beetle** 1978; **W. A. Laycock** 1983; **H. G. Fisser** 1988; **M. J. Samuel** 1992, Outstanding Range Man/Woman Award: **M. J. Samuel**, **G. E. Schuman**, Award of Merit: **C. Fifield**, **C. Lloyd**, Trail Boss Award: **P. Gonzales**, Man of the Range: **E. Painter**