

# County Ramblin's

By Thomas W. Thompson  
Sherman Extension Agent

**March Wheat Export**  
Grain export shipments imported in March by the Division of Grain Inspection of the Oregon Department of Agriculture were the largest since May, 1957.

The March total was 9,112,674 bushels and the May, 1957 was 9,419,532.

The largest shipment leaving Portland on one ship was 674,390 bushels, which went to Italy. One ship going to India took 520,800 bushels out of Portland.

Other countries to which grain was shipped included Germany, El Salvador, Korea, the Philippines, Venezuela, Pakistan, Korea, Ecuador, Japan, Chile and Formosa.

The March figure on inspection of incoming grain at the Portland office of the division was 10,619,489 bushels, with wheat accounting for 9,168,794 bushels of this total.

**Broiler Industry Expansion**  
Oregon's broiler industry should come out of the wheat referendum with plans for expansion. Either a yes or no vote will provide feed wheat prices to Northwest poultry producers.

Oregon broiler industry spokesmen have recently pointed out the 50 per cent under production of broilers in the state. Spokesmen believe expansion can be made if feed wheat is competitive with Midwest corn. Local producers used to feed wheat to poultry but the past 15 years have seen wheat priced out of the feed market.

**Wheat Growth Research**

Sherman County is one of two Oregon counties where weekly wheat observations will be made by the Crop Reporting Service under direction of Hal Prindle, Agricultural Statistician, USDA, Portland. Observations started April 29 and will continue through harvest.

Don Thompson is the local observer working with five cooperating wheat growers. Plots are located on four soil types: Edgar Alley, Condon Silt Loam; Don McDermid, Walla Walla Silt Loam; Leonard Fields, Walla Walla Silt Loam, course solum; Marvin Thomas and Thompson Brothers, Walla Walla Silt Loam, low rainfall.

The experimental project is new to the state. This year's work will be used to evaluate procedure and improve crop outlook and reporting data.

**Steel Prices**

Recent raise in prices of steel is of much concern to agriculture. Why? Because the farmers of our nation invest twice as much money in machinery as does the steel industry and five times as much as the automobile industry.

**Feed Grain Legislation**

A voluntary feed grain bill was passed by the house of representatives on April 25. This bill provides for a feed grain program in 1964 and '65 similar to this year's program. The bill provides for interchange of wheat and feed grain or barley in our case providing greater flexibility and freedom of action. The program is due for senate consideration shortly.

By Martin J. Zimmerman  
Sherman County Agent

**Fence Row Clean-Up**  
Over 2,000 miles of fence rows

have been treated with chemicals this year in a roadside and fence row sanitation program that is gaining popularity with farmers and ranchers throughout the county.

This program calls for the use of sterilant chemicals to eliminate cheatgrass, rye and other annual weeds from fence rows, roadsides, around buildings and waste areas. Results have been excellent almost without exception when proper recommendations are followed. This goes a long way toward controlling cheatgrass, rye and other annual weed problems in non-crop areas.

**Weed Control Research**

A new emphasis on weed control research has been started in Sherman County. New chemicals are being tested on broad leaf weeds in wheat or barley on the Fred Anderson, Hildred Zell, Wasco, and Stradley ranch in Grass Valley. Three of these 704-plot sites have been established and two more sites have been selected for application in the Kent area.

Several new chemicals are being used to test their effectiveness against broad leaf weed problems.

These plots have been established by Martin Zimmerman, County Weed Agent, in connection with the OSU Agricultural Experiment Station.

Research on other weed problems is planned for the near future. This will enable us to get the kind of research we need here in Sherman County for Sherman County conditions.

By Margaret Reil  
Home Extension Agent

The Home Extension Units will have a lesson on Chinese cookery incorporating bulgar wheat, County Agent Margaret Reil announced. The lesson is based on a request of the county planning committee.

The lesson is set up to enable those attending to be able to share social customs of these people, to learn importance of food values and meal planning, to see the demonstration of Chinese methods of vegetable and meat cookery, and to learn to incorporate bulgar wheat instead of rice in the menus.

Hope you will attend your local unit in May to get your copy of the pamphlet, Chinese Cookery, and participate in the lesson.

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## Moving Costs to Be Paid by State—Gov. Hatfield Signs Bill

Governor Hatfield signed into law a legislative act permitting the State Highway Department to pay, within certain limits, the moving costs of persons displaced by highway construction. Passage of the bill had been requested by the State Highway Commission.

State Highway Engineer Forest Cooper pointed out that prior to enactment of this bill Oregon was powerless to pay relocation costs even though permitted to do so by the Federal Highway Act of 1962. He said at least 18 states are now making relocation payments as provided under the federal law.

Any occupant of an improved property will be eligible for reimbursement of his necessary moving expenses if he is in occupancy at the time the State ceases. No occupant who takes up tenancy after that time will be eligible. The Highway Department will pay actual costs up to a maximum of \$200 in the case of an individual or family, and up to \$3,000 in the case of a business or farm.

Cooper stated that the new law supplements the Highway Department's advisory assistance program which has been in existence since passage of the Federal

Highway Act. Highway officials anticipate that nearly all eligible persons will apply for relocation payments, with the bulk of claims expected from the Portland metropolitan area. Current and future freeway routes in Portland will displace a number of businesses and several hundred individuals in the next few years.

Persons eligible for relocation payments will be advised by representatives of the Highway Department well in advance of the time they must move. Information on the new program is available through the office of the Relocation Supervisor, High Way Division, State Highway Building, Salem.

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## Posters-Paint Given New Ad Manager

"It takes a nut to take on this job, so I guess I can qualify. So stated Karen Bethel, Sherman High's new advertising manager in her campaign speech last week. Karen, a transfer from South Eugene High School, was elected Pep Club president last fall. She was a princess at both Homecoming and Junior Prom. This spring, Karen was inducted into the National Honor Society. Diana Tallant emerged victorious in an earlier election, Jan. 21. She will take office next fall. Diana is a junior transfer student who has previously been honored as princess of both the Winterwonderland and the Junior Prom.

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that five of the eight newly-elected ASB officers of Sherman High are members of the National Honor Society?

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## GAINS COMFORT FROM CALL

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