

# County Ramblin's

By Martin Zimmerman

"Stubble - mulch is rapidly being lost to cheat grass," states Martin Zimmerman, Sherman County Extension Agent. One of five crop acres was formerly stubble mulched for water and soil conservation. Many farmers are now faced with the decision whether to go back to the moldboard plow to keep cheatgrass from taking over. The wet Spring weather makes stubble mulching nearly impossible for controlling this troublesome weed.

Zimmerman continued, "Result of research in the Columbia Basin this Spring shows that low rates of Aitrole-2,4-D combination may save some stubble mulch if applied before or at cheatgrass heading time. The program costing \$2.75 per acre for chemicals will need to be used almost immediately to salvage those serious cheatgrass infested areas for stubble mulch." "It would be interesting," said Zimmerman, "to have some farmers try this low-cost program. It consists of applying one pound of 50% Amitole with one ounce 2,4-D per acre in 20 gallons of water. The program is cleared for use", concluded Zimmerman.

By Margaret Reil  
Sherman Co. Extension Agent

Officers were elected at the recent meeting of the Sherman County Home Extension Advisory Council (county committee as it is more often called). Mrs. John Reckman, Kent, was elected chairman; Mrs. George Fox, Rufus, Vice - chairman; and Mrs. Harry D. Eakin, Grass Valley, Secretary - treasurer. The following standing committee chairmen were appointed: Associated Country Women of the World (ACWW), Mrs. Walt Bruckert, Wasco; 4 - H, Mrs. Lloyd Henrichs, Moro; and Health and Safety, Mrs. Orward Hoye, Moro.

This committee represents each of the six Home Extension Units here in Sherman County, and act as liaison for each of their units. A monthly meeting is held by this group to help plan and to give constructive ideas in carrying out the adult program.

The 4 - H chairman works closely with the County Extension Agent, and the 4 - H chairmen of the units in locating leaders for 4 - H clubs, and by assisting with var-

ious programs the 4 - H's may carry out. The ACWW Chairman works with the chairman in each unit that carries the same title in developing a greater understanding of women in other lands, and in the way of life in these foreign countries.

The Health and Safety chairman also works with the chairmen from the units in developing an awareness of the need for caution, courtesy and care in everyday living to make our county the best place to live.

By Sherman County Extension Agents

### IFYE Host

The ten IFYE Exchanges who will visit Oregon this year are now arriving. About 60 host families are needed to complete the years program. Any Oregon family interested can serve as a host family. The IFYE program is sponsored by the Extension Service with exchange of Oregon and foreign adult boys and girls. IFYE members live and work with farm families, and spend about six months in the country. The IFYE exchanges spend about three weeks to a month with each host family scattered over Oregon.

Sherman County has had one foreign IFYE in the county. We have had numerous Oregon delegates returning to this country to speak to our schools, businesses and civic organizations. The program is financed by donations from 4 - H club members, club leaders and various business organizations. Since 1951, over \$37,000 have been contributed to the Oregon IFYE program. Of this amount, the Oregon Bankers Association has contributed \$20,000. Oregon has had 46 IFYE delegates during these years.

Sherman County families that are interested in serving as a host for an IFYE visiting Oregon this year, are asked to make contact with the Sherman County Extension Office. Application blanks are available and when completed, will be forwarded to the state 4-H club office in Corvallis.

### Oregon Wheat Commission Budget Hearing

The 1963 - 64 Oregon Wheat Commission Budget Hearing has been announced for 1:20 p.m., Wednesday, May 29, Supreme Court Room, Umatilla County Courthouse, Pendleton, Oregon. All wheat growers interested may attend this budget hearing. A copy of the budget is available for inspection at the Sherman County Extension Office.

### OSU Beef Field Day

The Fifth Annual Beef Cattle Field Day at Oregon State University has been scheduled for May 22. Rueben Albaugh, Extension Livestock Specialist, University of California, will be guest speaker. Mr. Albaugh is a graduate of OSU and will discuss the California market in relation to the Oregon cattle industry.

OSU staff members will present results of research from several of the Oregon Branch Experiment Stations. Information dealing with range improvement and resulting in increased carrying capacity will be of special interest to all cattlemen.

### More Veterinarians Needed

At the recent Animal Health Institute Meeting in Washington D.C., an Iowa State University veterinarian predicted that twice as many veterinarians will be needed in the next 20 years. Dr. John B. Herrick says that concepts of disease control must change so that preventative medicine is more widely practiced by producers and veterinarians working together. Production of veterinary biologics in the United

States has increased 1600 percent, in the past 18 years. This illustrates the dependence of producers on the use of preventative medicine and this trend is sure to continue according to the low veterinarian.

### Livestock Field Day

Four - H and FFA livestock members participated in a practice livestock judging field day on May 18, at the Sherman County Fair Grounds, Moro.

The day's program included instructions in fitting and showmanship during the morning.

Harold Kerr, County Extension Agent, Prineville, served as visiting judge.

### Strip Rust Build - Up

The continual wet weather and cool conditions have caused a marked build - up in strip rust infection in Sherman County wheat fields. Most serious infected area is that bordering the lower Deschutes and Columbia Rivers. Marked damage in grain yields is anticipated in some fields in this area.

Warmer weather undoubtedly will show increased breakout of strip rust in the lower levels in Sherman County. Actual damage to yield, will depend on weather conditions from now until early June.

Chemical strip rust protection plots on six farms in Sherman County have been continued since the first of March. Six applications of materials have been made on four locations and five applications on two additional trail areas. Definite difference is now noted between treated and untreated trail plots. Additional plots were established this week by ground and air application with initial application of chemical material considered to be a possibility for strip rust control.

Gaines wheat is showing considerable stripe rust infection, but in general is not as heavy as Omar fields where heavier stripe rust sporulation is taking place on the upper leaves. Further development of resistant varieties

is needed by plant breeders in the Pacific Northwest.

### Crop Improvement Association Meeting

Several Sherman County people attended the Pacific Northwest Crop Improvement Association

Annual Meeting in Pendleton on May 8. An excellent program included presentation by representatives from Oregon, Washington, and Idaho.

Those attending from Sherman County were: Floyd Root, Paul

en Kaseberg, Lee Kaseberg, Pat Kaseberg, Hildred Zell, Bill Hall and your Sherman County Extension Agent.

The meetings are open to all interested wheat growers and related industry people.

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