

# County Ramblin's

By Sherman County Extension Agents

## Farm Safety Week

National Farm Safety Week has been proclaimed by President John F. Kennedy for the week of July 21 to 27. The President urged "all farm families and all persons and organizations allied with agriculture to engage in a purposeful, united effort to reduce further the number of farm, home and highway accidents."

Observance of the week is under co-sponsorship of the Department of Agriculture and the National Safety Council.

## 4-H Summer Camp

A 4-H Summer Camp at Cutsforth Park in Morrow County was

conducted this past week. Several 4-H members, counselors, and Margaret Reil, County Extension Agent, from Sherman County took part. Club members from Gilliam and Wheeler county also participated. Seventy campers joined in the camp activities.

The camp is located twenty miles up Willow Creek from Heppner. The camp was started by the Morrow county 4-H Leaders Association and used each year by 4-Hers and citizens of the county. This is the second year Sherman county has joined with Gilliam and Wheeler in conducting a separate program.

## Range Management Study

The Department of Range Management at Oregon State University has been conducting a soil-vegetation study in non-forested rangeland in the Columbia Basin during the past four years. During the last of June, Bill Schallig, Assistant in Range Management at OSU accompanied Hank Grabenhors' USDA, Soil Conservation Service and Thomas W. Thompson, OSU, Sherman county Agent, on an inspection tour of some of the study sites.

The general objective of the program has been to correlate the native vegetation with the crop or rangeland soil type. The program is giving us a better understanding of our rangeland vegetation and will help in rangeland improvement and management.

Eleven study sites are scattered over the county. Each have several component study sites with

a total of twenty-nine plots. Sites are located as follows: Graveyard, near Curtis Neal, Max Brown, Frank Sayers, Justesen property, Gordon Ridge, Bernard Martin, Bob Boynton, Ted Thompson, Orville Ruggles, Rosebush Canyon, and Charles Kuyper.

**Adult and Youth Education**  
Did you know that there are well over a thousand different bulletins, pamphlets and circulars of information available to you at the office of your County Extension Agent.

Some of the subjects covered are soil conservation, crops, livestock, irrigation, gardening, lawn care, horticulture, dairy, poultry, planning and management of the farm business, agricultural engineering including farm buildings and equipment, public affairs, insect pest and weed control, and outlook information including market reports — and many others.

To these are added bulletins and circular information on family living, home furnishings, clothing, food preparation and selection, nutrition, and many others in the field of home economics.

Then there are those that deal with 4-H club work involving about 60 different projects in this county.

Any publication that is available for public distribution from Oregon State University and most U.S. Dept. of Agriculture bulletins may be obtained on request at the office of your County Extension Agent. We also carry many bulletins and circulars published by other land-grant institutions if the information might be of local use and value.

You see your cooperative Extension Service in Agriculture and Home Economics is just what its name applies. It is an educational activity financed by county, state and federal funds representing Oregon State University and the U.S. Dept. of Agriculture.

The activities of your Extension Agents are guided by the many planning committees that meet from time to time and counsel with your agents.

Extension specialists from Oregon State University are in constant touch with the research findings of the agricultural experiment station, and the 13 branch stations in the state, and the research work of USDA.

These specialists are the resource people that work with and assist Extension Agents in the county — they are part of the team that get the results of research to people so it can be put into effective use.

## Tomorrow's Man

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Recent studies indicate that coffee tends to prolong the effects of alcohol rather than curb them.

It has been estimated that the cost of medicine dispensed by charlatans exceeds \$1 billion a year in the United States.

## Public Notices

### Estate of Harold L. White NOTICE TO CREDITORS

In the County Court of the State of Oregon for the County of Sherman, Probate Department

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has been appointed executrix of the estate of Harold L. White, Deceased, by the County Court of the State of Oregon for the County of Sherman, and has qualified. All persons having claims against said estate are hereby notified to present the same, duly verified as required by law, to the undersigned at Wasco, Oregon, within six months from the date hereof.

Dated and first published June 28, 1963.

Last publication July 19, 1963.  
MABEL WHITE  
Executrix

Jones & Brown  
623 Public Service Building  
Portland, Oregon  
Attorneys

### NOTICE OF HEARING FINAL ACCOUNTING

All persons having objections to the final accounting of Malcolm Earl McKinney, Executor of the estate of Minnie West Cole, deceased, shall file same before the 22nd day of July, 1963, at the hour of 10:00 o'clock a.m., which is the time fixed for the settlement of said account and the County Court Chambers in the Sherman County Courthouse at Moro, Oregon, is the place fixed.

MALCOLM EARL McKINNEY  
Executor

DICK & DICK  
The Dalles, Oregon  
Attorneys for the Estate

Published: June 14, 21, 28 and July 5, 1963.

# The Grange Letter

The Grange strongly endorses and supports continuation and expansion of the Land Use Adjustment and Rural Areas Development programs in a period changing agricultural patterns and national needs.

Secretary of Agriculture Orville Freeman last week asked Congress for quick approval of a \$250 million program over a 10-year period for shifting land now in the soil bank to permanent uses.

The Senate, at the same time, voted 65 to 30 to make \$455 million available for aid to depressed areas through the Area Development Program, of which the Rural Areas Development program is a part.

"The two programs are of significant value in a broad-scale program for the most efficient use of both land and human resources during a critical period of readjustments," National Grange Master Herschel D. Newsom declared.

"The first provides for sound, economic use of land instead of paying farmers to leave it idle," Newsom said. "The second represents an important effort to more fully utilize, gainfully, the excess of employable people in rural areas of the Nation."

"A healthy rural and national economy cannot include either idle land resources or unemployed

ment of a very substantial number of rural people for whom jobs in major industrial areas are unavailable," the Grange leader said.

The Land Use Adjustment Program differs from the Soil Bank program adopted during the Eisenhower administration in that instead of idling crop land it converts the excess acres permanently to grass, trees or recreational and other conservation uses.

The program is designed to assist owners, through grants and loans, in converting to income-producing use of the land. The Soil Bank program provided for direct payments averaging, nationally, about \$14 an acre annually to farmers who withdrew land from crop production for an agreed upon number of years.

The Land Use Adjustment Program, adopted as a part of the "Food and Agriculture Act of 1962," is designed to shift up to 50 million acres of less productive land to income-producing uses within several years.

Under rules of the program, farmers may choose to receive government payments for cropland shifts in a lump sum, or in annual installments under agreement running for five to ten years. Unlike the Soil Bank, however, the retired land can be used for livestock grazing, timber sales and other non-crop purposes.

At its peak, the Soil Bank included some 28.5 million acres at a cost of about \$350 million in payments for idling the land. However, authority to make Soil Bank contracts expired in 1960 and was not renewed. Contracts on some 7.4 million acres are due to expire next December 31.

## One Cent Extended By Ag Department

An order issued by the Oregon State Department of Agriculture has extended until June 30, 1964, the one cent per pound fee on all 2,4-D and 2,4,5-T type herbicides sold or used in Oregon.

The extension of the fee, which is used for a research program, brought only one protest at a hearing in Salem June 27.

During the fiscal year 1962-63 fees paid on these herbicides totaled \$8,111.50. It is anticipated approximately the same amount will be added to the research fund from the fee during the next fiscal year.

Results of the research program will aid in effective and safe use of these herbicides.

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