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Red Hat Day

Red Hat Day, September 23, is the day on which all Oregon hunters will be expected to wear a red hat as a symbol of good sportsmanship.

The observance of Red Hat Day will climax an education program aimed at improving hunter conduct and the relations between landowners and sportsmen. Governor Patterson has appointed a statewide committee to head up this program which is sponsored by timber, agricultural, and livestock interests; labor organizations; federal and state land use agencies; and conservation organizations. A total of 25 sponsors is listed on the committee letterhead.

The Red Hat Day program will emphasize four major points of a code of ethics which it is hoped that every hunter will adopt. They are:

1. Respect for the property and rights of others.
2. Care in the use of firearms.
3. Care in the use of fire.
4. Compliance with the game laws.

That there is need for improvement in hunting practices and hunter conduct in the field is easily demonstrated. In 1954 a total of 51 hunting accidents occurred, of which 13 were fatal. Certainly, there is great need for an awareness on the part of all hunters of the importance of safe hunting practices and safe handling of firearms. In the same year, more than 200 forest and range fires were credited to hunters. Fire conditions may be critical in the early portion of the hunting season and extreme caution on the part of all hunters is necessary to prevent range and forest fires. In 1954 as in previous years an assessed

amount of damage accrued to private and public properties throughout the state. Vandalism has in a large part been responsible for the closure of much private land formerly available for public hunting. Those who leave gates open, knock down fences, frighten and shoot cattle and commit other thoughtless acts have made things "tough" for everyone. Nor is vandalism confined to private property. Public campgrounds are cluttered up with all kinds of debris, signboards are knocked down or perforated with bullet holes, and camp tables and benches have frequently been used for firewood.

Unsportsmanlike conduct and acts of vandalism cannot be pinned on any particular group. Individuals who do not follow the rules come from all walks of life. Not infrequently a person who appears to be a gentleman at other times reveals his true character on a hunting trip. The message of Red Hat Day is aimed at those individuals who, although representing a minority of the hunting public, have adversely affected hunting recreation for everyone.

The "red hat" is to be known as a symbol of good sportsmanship whether worn by a logger, a lawyer, a farmer or a bank president. To the wearer it will be a constant reminder throughout the hunting season that he has pledged himself to be a true sportsman.

If everyone who hunts will get behind this program and adopt a code of hunting ethics, the 1955 hunting season and future seasons will be more pleasant and more profitable for everyone concerned.

—Game Commission Bulletin

From The County Agent's Office

By N. C. Anderson

From time to time this summer we have called to attention of farmers with perennial weed control problems that this was the year to take advantage of weed control while A. S. C. conservation practice payments were available to help with 50% of the cost of control.

The Secretary of Agriculture has announced that there will not be conservation payments available for weed control in future years. For those farmers who have not found time to have a weed control program on their farm during the summer months, it is suggested that consideration be given to the use of chlorates

for weed control. Chlorates are considerable higher priced for weed control, however, where weed infestations are yet limited, it is most effective. Applied any time now when fall rains begin, chlorate will kill weeds by sterilization of the ground. When chlorates are applied at the rate of from four to six pounds per square rod, sterilization will last from five to seven years. When applications are made chlorates should be spread approximately ten feet beyond the last visible plants around the patches in order to sterilize and kill any underground root stocks that have not yet shown up. Failure to do this

in many cases leaves a ring of noxious weeds beyond the sterilized patch. This is the best year yet to get started on this weed control program when you can earn 50% of the cost of control and count your weed patches out in wheat diverted acres.

Our county weed control sprayer would be happy to make applications before freeze-up time and a chlorate spreader is available for those applying dry chlorate.

Livestock men who during the past two years have tried sawdust and shavings for muddy lots are sold on this practice. They have found that animals will not only do better when kept out of mud but that there is less chance for foot rot that starts in moist places. To get the best job done, don't be stingy with the sawdust or shavings. A layer of at least eighteen inches thick is desirable, more if the yard is poorly drained soil. You will get by with less sawdust if it is applied in your feed lot during the dry season. Be sure to get the layer thick enough to prevent the animals from breaking through.

Recently, Oregon State College released the results of research trials on wheat seed treatment with new materials that have been carried on for the past three years. These trials have definitely established that wheat treatment with hexachlorobenzene (HCB) and pentachloronitrobenzene (PCNB) gives a very substantial degree of control of infection from soil-borne smut spores as well as seed-borne spores.

Trials conducted on the Pendleton and Sherman Branch Experiment Stations have shown good control of soil-borne smut infection. Bill Hall at the Sherman Station is quite enthusiastic about the results in his area. A field scale test on the Rees Bro-

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thers farm near Helix resulted in a reduction of smutty heads from about 15 per cent of Ceresan treated wheat to three per cent for HCB treated wheat. Other trials under the supervision of Dr. C. S. Holton, USDA Pathologist at Pullman, Washington have been consistently favorable in other areas of the Columbia Basin.

HCB and PCNB do not completely eliminate smut in comparative tests HCB and PCNB have been consistently superior to the mercurial seed treatment materials which have been in general use for several years. The reason is that HCB and PCNB prevent infection from both seed-borne smut spores only.

HCB (hexachlorobenzene) is sold under several trade names, some of which are: Anticarie,

No-Bunt, Sanocide, Shut-Gp.

The result of the winter wheat variety nursery, grown at Eightmile and Ione have just been made available by the Sherman branch experiment station. This year's results were somewhat different than in the past years in the varieties that stood at the top in yield.

At the Eightmile nursery, located on the Frank Anderson farm, a Hyman Orfed cross was the top producer with 20.2 bushels per acre. Golden stood second with 19.5; a Norin 10 crossed with Brevor was third with 19.3 bushels; fourth was a Rio-Rex Athena cross yielding 17.9; fifth, Orfed, crossed with Wasatch with a 17.8. Elmar, which has been for many years at the top of the list was sixth with a 17.5 bushel yield. While this is in the sixth yield in

the variety, it is actually second in yield of the varieties that are available to farmers.

There were several crosses that yielded equally well among the other varieties grown. Brevor yielded 16.6 bushels, Rex 16.5, Orfed 16.4 and Rio 13.9. Since Golden has stood at the top over a good many years it would appear that that variety would be good for replacing some of the Rex in the Eightmile area. There were several varieties that were quite equal in this nursery from average yields of the past five years. Brevor stood at the top with a 25.9 bushels, Elmar second with 25.7, and Golden third with 25.6. Other varieties at the top, Rex with a 25.2, Orfed with 24.8, and Rio with 23.8 bushels per acre. From these yields it appears that there are several vari-

THIRTY YEARS AGO

From Files of the Gazette Times Sept. 24, 1925

Heppner is again in gala attire flaunting bunting and flags on every hand, awaiting the clarion call for the 1925 Rodeo opening this afternoon.

Neil White came in the last of the week from Ukiah, where he now makes his home with his family.

T. W. Rippee, Shelly Baldwin and E. S. Duran composed a party of nimrods going out of Heppner the past week in search of deer meat.

Through the efforts of County Agent Morse, the first Morrow County Grain Show, will be on exhibit at the store of Peoples Hardware Company during the days of the Rodeo is one of attractiveness, indeed.

Honoring the 50th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. John Iler of this city, Ruth chapter No. 32 O. E. S., will give a banquet followed by a good social time at the Masonic hall on Monday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Olden spent a few hours in the city on Monday from their home near Fairview.

eties that might be interchanged quite readily.

At the Ione nursery, grown at the John Proudfoot farm, Orfed stood at the top of the list with a 20.3 bushel per acre yield, Elmar was next with 19.9 bushels, Hyman Orfed cross 19.1 bushels, Brevor 19 bushels, 27-15 x Rex-Rio 18.8 bushels, Orfed Wasatch cross 18.4, Rio and Golden 17.1, and Rex 13.8. The five year average yields at the Ione nursery shows 7-15 x Rex-Rio as standing at the top of the list in bushels per acre, yielding 21.1, the second high yielder was a Hyman Orfed cross yielding 18.7, another Hyman Orfed cross was third yielding 18.4, Elmar was fourth with 17.3.

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From where I sit... by Joe Marsh



...Makes a Man Healthy, Wealthy—and Tired!

Sandy Peterson's nephew Pete has gone back to college. He worked on Sandy's farm a couple of months last summer to get hardened up for football.

He seemed to enjoy farm life all right—but like most city kids it took him some time to get used to a farmer's schedule.

Sandy claims that when he went in to wake Pete—the boy looked up startled and asked what time it was. Sandy replied it was four-fifteen. "Gee," Pete murmured, "if we're going to do a day's work tomorrow you'd better get to bed!"

From where I sit, we must have heard a million stories like that. But they show how some people assume their customs are the only proper ones. To most city folks getting up at 4:15 seems odd, because they don't do it. Just like some people don't think enjoying a glass of beer is "right" . . . because they happen to prefer another beverage and haven't waked up to the fact that everyone has a right to his own choice.

Joe Marsh

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