

# Hunting Season Calls Specialist for 'Red Hat'

By ESTHER KIRMIS  
There will soon be a lot of widows—hunter's widows, that is, with the dawning of deer season in October. Even a woman, with all of her charms, finds it's a losing fight to compete with her husband's affection for hunting season. Andy Landforce, wildlife management specialist of Oregon State university, tried to explain the philosophy of hunting to a dozen women agents when we were down in Corvallis this summer. He described hunting as an opportunity for man to exert his "killing-instinct" and his "urge to provide." Camping vacations built around hunting season bring men a fellowship that gives them sufficient conversational material for the rest of the year.

Knowing that Morrow county is the mecca for hunters, we've invited Andy Landforce to participate in a "Red Hat" day in Heppner for Tuesday evening, September 26, at 8:00 p. m. at the Heppner fair building.



RED RIBBON WINNERS in the 4-H Gun Safety Contest sponsored by the State Game Commission at the Oregon State Fair were from left to right, Mike Flock of Powell Butte; Jay Ball, son of Mr. and Mrs. Don Ball of Ione; Bob DeSpain, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bob DeSpain of Ione, and David Gwyther of Creswell.

## 4-H Riflemen Team Wins Red Award

Three Morrow county rifle club members helped to make history this past week at the Oregon State Fair in Salem. Bob DeSpain and Jay Ball, Ione and Tom Pointer, Lexington, participated in the first state-wide 4-H rifle match ever to be held at the State Fair, according to Joe Hay, county extension agent.

The three man team earned red awards for their efforts at the contest. They were scored on their marksmanship ability as well as the safe handling of their rifle while at the rifle range and a gun safety quiz. Each of the individual scores were added together to make a team score. Morrow county was fifth in the team scoring out of nine teams.

These three boys earned the right to compete in the state 4-H rifle match by being the three highest scorers at the county-

## Many Hunters in Area File For Elk Permits

Almost 2,000 more elk hunters filed for permits this year than the record 25,000 in the state last year, according to preliminary county made by the Game Commission.

Around 1,500 hunters filed for the 250 permits available in the Heppner unit.

Elk hunters should know within a week if they are successful or not in the elk drawings held September 7 in the game commission's Portland office.



County Agent's Office

# Short Grass Seed Crop Calls for Early Orders

By N. C. ANDERSON

Those who might be thinking of seeding grass on the 10% wheat diversion acres should be thinking about their grass seed soon. Most will be seeding Crested wheat grass and they should know that production of Crested wheat grass seed this year is forecast at 29% below last year's crop and the smallest production since 1954. Droughty conditions in the range areas of the Dakotas, Montana, Wyoming and Idaho, reduced both yields per acre and acreage harvested for seed. Most of this seed is not yet cleaned up and in the hands of dealers and generally better buys are now available as there was a good carry-over from the 1960 crop. This carry-over coupled with imports from Canada provided adequate supply. Prices could remain more stable if some grass is bought this fall and winter rather than for everyone to wait till they are ready to seed in the spring. The majority of the country where crested wheat grass is seeded in the spring so this is normally the time of big demand.

A series of fertilizer plots were established at the Frank Anderson ranch and at the Lexington airport last Thursday and Friday in cooperation with Howard Cushman, extension soils specialist, OSU. The fertilizer plots were established in an attempt to get some answers for two different problems. The plots at the Frank Anderson ranch were established in an attempt to determine why there is so little response to nitrogen fertilizers and the decline in yields on fields where moderate applications of nitrogen have been made over a period of years. This problem is quite general through much of the Eightmile and Gooseberry communities.

Many farmers reported this condition after the 1960 harvest. Visits were made with ten or so wheat ranchers a year ago, soil samples taken and these plots established in an attempt to give a solution to the problem. Various rates of nitrogen in combination with phosphorous and sulphur with sulphur and phosphorus alone were applied last week.

Foliar applications will be made in early spring with sprays containing many of the trace chemicals in combination with above named fertilizers as well as alone.

Ammonium nitrate sulphate, sulphur and phosphorus were applied at different rates on the chemical summerfallow plots at the Lexington airport to determine and compare affects of fertilizer on a regular fallow and chemical summerfallow. There have been some indications that nitrogen levels may be different between two methods of summerfallow. The plots were established in an attempt to determine these differences.

We have had a number of inquiries at the office asking about cattle from the droughty areas of the midwest which might be sold at distress sales. Many are also wondering about fall range grazing conditions as they have an important bearing on the fall feeder cattle market. Western observers now rate range feed prospects mostly fair over much of the west, with poor conditions in the eastern half of Montana, southeastern Idaho, and in most of Nevada and Utah. But fall grazing prospects in the important Central and Southern Great Plains are rated mostly good to very good. There have been no large scale distress sales reported in any of the droughty areas. Many cow herd owners are culling rigidly the older she stock but there is little evidence

that any sizeable reductions are being planned.

Had an interesting visit with Cliff Carlson who many will remember as a grain buyer at Ione for many years, now with a major grain company in Portland. Cliff told us of some interesting experiences of contaminated wheat received by them and the heavy losses by some farmers of rigid inspections by the pure food and drug administration. The big offender is "Pink" wheat which is the term used for any treated wheat. One kernel in a truck-load is enough to condemn it for food purposes. Grain buyers have no alternative than to turn this down or buy it for feed purposes as Pure Food and Drug will tolerate none whatsoever. Farmers are urged to take precautionary measures at seed treating time and be sure that elevators and grainery space where wheat will be handled is thoroughly cleaned after treating so there will be no pink wheat left for contamination. Cliff told us that most of the cases he had experienced could be traced back to a leak in a seed bin adjacent to or over other stored wheat or through equipment used to handle treated and untreated wheat alike.

## 1961 Wheat League Writing Contest Set

Deadline for the second annual high school writing contest, sponsored by the Oregon Wheat Growers League, is October 31, the wheat league office reminded this week.

Any Oregon student attending grades 9 through 12 can compete. Contestants may write on one of two subjects: "Advantages of Wheat in the Everyday Diet" or "Wheat Production and Marketing in Oregon."

The Wheat League will award \$75 in cash as first prize; \$50 second prize; \$35, third prize, and \$15, fourth prize.

Entries should be submitted to the Oregon Wheat Growers League, Box 438, Pendleton, Oregon.

For entry blanks, or additional information, write the above address.

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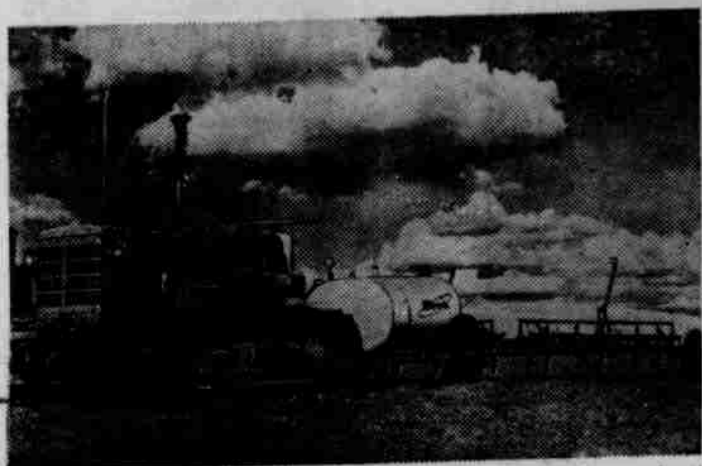
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The Washington Wheat Commission was declared valid in a recent decision of the Washington state Supreme Court. This reverses an earlier decision by the Walla Walla Superior Court on all counts.

The decision is of interest in Oregon because of the number of self-help commissions created under Oregon law, points out Paul T. Rowell, agricultural development chief of the state department of agriculture at Salem.

The Washington opinion states that the producer assessment is an excise rather than a property tax, levied only upon the commercial producer and measured solely by the quantity produced and sold.

The neighboring Supreme Court went on to state: "The protection of a large industry constituting one of the great sources of the state's wealth and therefore directly or indirectly affecting the welfare of so great a portion of the population of the state is affected to such an extent by public interest as to be within the police power of the sovereign."

The decision means that existing commodity commissions in Washington can continue to do business as normal and new commissions can be formed with assurance of permanency from a legal standpoint, Rowell points out.

He adds that while Oregon's commodity commission act is not identical with the Washington agricultural enabling act, the two are quite similar. Thus the Washington decision gives Oregon commodity commissions some assurance of freedom from a successful legal attack against their right to operate, subject to the wishes of producers of the commodity involved, Rowell declares.

The Supreme Court decision stems from a case filed against the Washington Wheat Commission soon after its creation by a producer referendum in 1957.

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