

Issues For Wheat Program Vote Clear-Cut Says County Chairman

The issues on which wheat farmers will vote May 21 are really very clear-cut, and the 1963 and 1964 programs are similar in most ways to programs which have been in effect for wheat crops in other years.

This is the opinion of Curtis Barker, chairman of the Douglas County Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Committee. As in past years on wheat quotas, he noted, the May 21 referendum will determine the program for only one year—1964.

Another Vote Probable

"And, regardless of how the 1964 wheat vote turns out, present law and the wheat supply situation virtually assure that another referendum will be held in the spring of 1964 for the 1965 crop."

For the 1964 wheat crop, Barker explained, the favorable outcome of the May 21 referendum (approval by at least two-thirds of the wheat farmers voting) would mean that the wheat program available to program participants for next year would include: (1) Allotments and quotas, with penalties on "excess" wheat produced; (2) Price supports at two levels—averaging

\$2 per bushel nationally for 80 per cent of the normal production from the allotment acres—but not more than the normal yield of planted acres, and averaging about \$1.30 per bushel nationally for the rest of the wheat produced; and (3) Diversion payments for shifting acreage from wheat production to a conserving use—made on both the mandatory acreage reduction (resulting from planting within the farm acreage allotment) and on additional voluntary diverted acreage.

Quotas Won't Change

If the quotas are not approved by the two-thirds vote, however, the program available for 1964 crop wheat would include: (1) The same acreage allotment; (2) Price support at 50 per cent of parity (about \$1.25 per bushel, national average, at current parity price levels) to farmers who plant within their allotments.

Barker advised farmers not to depend on hearsay in deciding how to vote. Farmers are invited to visit the county ASCS office and obtain correct information which will assist them in making an enlightened decision.



FARM FOREST FACTS

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Life is full of many well understood things, but it also full of many misconceptions. Believe it or not, but one of the latter concerns forestry.

One simplified definition of forestry might be that it is the science and art of growing, protecting and harvesting continuous crops of trees for maximum financial returns. It is a science, because it is based upon factual knowledge. It is an art, because human skill is necessary in making the best use of this knowledge and in properly administering the many techniques involved.

Regret Expressed

A forester friend of mine, who is part owner in a successful logging company, recently told me the following. He said, someone once expressed to him (probably indirectly) the regret that "it was too bad that he hadn't done something with his college education." Apparently no association was made between forestry and logging.

The instance mentioned is not as uncommon as a person might suppose.

For years, people have thought of a forester as a forest fire fighter or a man on a lookout tower. Later, this image was modified to where it also associated him with tree planting. Overlying the above picture was the conception that forestry was only a federal or state activity—nothing more.

Forestry does include fire fighting, or the more inclusive term fire control, which covers both suppression and prevention. It also

includes tree planting, or the broader term reforestation, which covers all artificial means of replacing tree growth. Both fire control and reforestation are very important to forestry, but they represent only part of the entire picture. Such things as silviculture, logging utilization, research, economics and management are also in the picture.

Private Enterprise Involved

As for the impression that forestry pertains mostly to federal or state programs, this is understandable, because of the large numbers of foresters and larger amounts of public lands involved, but it is not forgivable if one simple question is asked. Who harvests and processes virtually all of the timber and who owns most of it in the United States?

The answer, if of course, is private enterprise—either individuals or companies. And, the latter hire a great many foresters to carry out all phases of forest and production plant management from tiny seedlings, to logs to finished products.

So, forestry is an all inclusive term where forests and their products, or benefits are concerned. Foresters include all college trained men and a number of self-trained men, whose skill contributes to the growing, protecting and harvesting of continuous crops of trees for wood products or for uses involving recreation, wildlife and the conservation of soil and water.

Retail Value Of U. S. Meat Jumped 4 Per Cent In 1962

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WASHINGTON (UPI)—The Agriculture Department estimates the retail value of meat consumed per person in 1962 at \$96.08, up 4 per cent from \$92.77 a year earlier.

The rate of increase matched the hike in per capita disposable income from 1961 to 1962. The per cent of consumer income spent for red meat in 1962 came to 4.7 per cent, the same as in 1961.

The retail value of beef consumed per person in 1962 was estimated at \$55.30, up almost 5 per cent from a year earlier and 47 per cent above the corresponding value 10 years earlier. The increase in retail value from 1961 to 1962 was the result of an increase in per capita consumption of 1 per cent and a rise of 2 per cent in the average retail price of all beef.

Retail expenditure per person for pork in 1962 was \$34, up \$1.10 from the previous year. This retail value of pork consumed, however, was 6 per cent below the 10-year earlier expenditure of \$36.30. Similarly, the retail value of other red meats consumed—veal, lamb, and mutton—declined during the 10-year period. These meats contributed \$7.38 to total retail value of red meats consumed in 1962, whereas in 1952 the contribution was \$8.10.

A dozen states, representing the Midwestern breadbasket, the Southwest, and the West, accounted for more than half the 32.1 billion pounds of live weight production in cattle, hogs, and sheep in 1962.

Iowa was the heaviest producer, with more than 7.1 billion pounds of live weight cattle, hogs, and sheep.

One of the important factors in the increase in cattle numbers, cattle slaughter, and beef production during the past five years has been a sharp drop in calf slaughter.

Commercial calf slaughter dipped from 11.9 million head in 1957 to 7.3 million head in 1962, the smallest since 1929.

Part of the explanation of the drop in calf slaughter lies in the decline of the dairy herd—down 2.6 million head since 1958. A more important factor has been the strong demand for feeder cattle. Cattle feeders have bid calves away from packers in large numbers in recent years. Even calves

Group Re-Affirms Wilderness Stand

COEUR D'ALENE, Idaho (UPI)—The Pacific Northwest Conservation Council recently reaffirmed most of its previous stands in favor of wilderness and fish and elected Woodrow W. Groom, Milton-Freewater, Ore., president.

Groom succeeds Leland Schooner, Poston, Mont.

Other officers are Bill Duff, Coeur d'Alene, first vice president; Donald Aldrich, Missoula, Mont., second vice president; and Harold E. Nelson, Vancouver, Wash., secretary.

The four-state organization passed resolutions favoring the wilderness bill, a proposed ban on dam construction on the Salmon River, a study of the effects of pesticides, making the Sawtooth primitive area a wilderness refuge and a proposed wildlife refuge in the Klamath area of Oregon and Northern California.

It went on record opposing Nez Perce dam on the Snake River, Bruce Eddy Dam on the Clearwater River and a timber industry proposal that an under secretary of agriculture be named to administer the forest service program.

Rollin Bowles, Portland, chairman of the Oregon Game Commission, keynoted the conference, lashed out at what he termed growing influence of the federal government in resource management. He cited particularly the government's influence in water resources.

STEAL PINK ELEPHANT

HICKORY, N.C. (UPI)—Someone stole her pink elephant, Mrs. Alfred Whitener told police Sunday. Officers said they would investigate the theft of the 75-pound iron statue.

Community News Briefs

Roseburg Rebekahs will sponsor a benefit breakfast from 7 to 10 a.m. Wednesday, May 8, in the IOOF Hall. Members, their husbands and invited guests are asked to attend.

Mrs. John William Unruh will give a demonstration on making hats during the program hour of St. George's Episcopal Women's hall. The members will meet at 12 noon luncheon and program. Members will model aprons to be sold at the bazaar next fall.

Mercy Hospital Auxiliary members invite all persons interested in the hospital to enjoy the annual membership coffee to be held from 10 to 12 noon Thursday, May 9, at the home of Dr. and Mrs. J. G. Verberkmoes, 555 SE Terrace Drive.

Nuclear Test Blast Hurts 4

LONDON (UPI)—Three firemen were hospitalized here with slight injuries after a 180-cubic-foot cylinder of ethylene exploded during a fire at the Nuclear Technological Laboratory in London.

Although a fire brigade spokesman at first said a "negligible" amount of radioactive material was involved in the fire, a laboratory spokesman later said there was none because of an automatic safety switch-off device on radioactive machinery.

The blaze and explosion damaged part of the first floor of the two-story building in the residential district of South Kensington. The laboratory handles a certain amount of secret industrial research but no government contract work.

Charles Krikendal, Gary Fox and Terry Fitzgerald of this city returned here Sunday night from Portland, where they went to attend the Fall Market showings.

Eldon Caley attended a hearing before the Supreme Court in Salem Friday and then went on to Bend, Ore., to attend the Kiwanis sessions over the weekend.

A rummage sale will be sponsored by Chapter B1, PEO Sisterhood, Friday, May 10, at the Roseburg Woman's clubhouse beginning at 8 a.m. Mrs. H. T. Hansen is chairman of the sale.

Mrs. Carlos M. Page of Roseburg, who has been admitted to Good Samaritan Hospital in Portland for medical treatment, is unable to have visitors at this time, but would enjoy hearing from her friends.

Women of the Roseburg Country Club will hold their annual spring quest, day bridge-luncheon at 12 noon May 16 at the clubhouse. Those attending are asked to bring their own cards. Reservations must be made by calling either Mrs. Harold E. Schmeer or the clubhouse.

Ray H. Bidwell, boatswain's mate, US Navy, son of Mrs. Prois Underwood of Winston, is now serving aboard the attack cargo ship USS Albatross now in training exercises with other Atlantic Fleet units in the Caribbean area near the island of Puerto Rico. Ports of call during the training operations include San Juan and Ponce, Puerto Rico, St. Thomas, Virgin Islands and Jamaica. Albatross operates out of Norfolk, Va., and is slated to return from the Caribbean exercises this month.

Tom Hagg, student at Southern Oregon College at Ashland, spent the weekend here visiting his family.

Mrs. T. H. Bloom will entertain the FS Club at a 1 p.m. potluck dinner Wednesday at her home.

A Tasting Tea will be sponsored by Mu Chapter, Beta Sigma Phi, Saturday, May 11, from 2 to 4 p.m. in the Roseburg Woman's clubhouse. The public is invited. Recipes of all the foods to be tasted will be on sale for a small amount.

Riverside PTA will sponsor a preschool tea for next year's first graders and their mothers Friday, May 10, from 1:45 to 3:30 p.m. Parents who have moved into the Riverside School area since last October 25 and have eligible pre-school children should call the school at OR 3-4073 before Wednesday, May 8. An interesting program has been planned for the entertainment of mothers and their children.

Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Winkauf of the Four Winds Motel, are in a 21-member delegation of the Oregon Motel owners and operators attending the 21st annual convention of the American Motor Hotel Association at Chicago's convention center, McCormick Place, to be held May 29-31. They will also visit the "Great Hospitality Exposition" the National Restaurant Association trade show combined with the AMHA Moteltama. Perry Como will present his TV show at the convention May 29 and on that date will also meet Jacquelyn Jeanne Mayer, Miss America of 1963. Some 50,000 are expected to attend the convention.

Mrs. Walter Wolf of Winchester is reported to be getting along satisfactorily at Good Samaritan Hospital in Portland, where she is receiving medical treatment.

Mrs. A. R. Spencer, the former Shirley Brunn, and Mrs. W. B. Brewster of Eugene were in Roseburg over Friday visiting the former's mother, Mrs. Irvin Brunn.

Jeff Christensen, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Christensen, returned to his studies at Rose School Monday, after being very ill the last month at his home on SE Lane Ave.

Tim Oakley, son of Mr. and Mrs. Earle Oakley, has returned to his studies at Southern Oregon College at Ashland, following a stay at his home on SE Glenn St. since last Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Leroy B. Inman drove to Springfield Sunday to attend a reception for Mrs. Inman's sister, Mrs. J. M. Larson, who is completing her year as state president of the American Legion Auxiliary. They also visited with their daughter, Janet, a junior at the University of Oregon.

Sgt. Richard A. Naas, has been assigned to the U. S. Army Garrison at Fort MacArthur, Calif., according to word received here. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Harley D. Naas of Myrtle Creek and was graduated from high school in Myrtle Creek in 1958, after which he was employed by Roseburg Lumber Co. Naas is a military policeman in the garrison. He entered the Army in December 1958. His wife is residing in Springfield while he is in the Army.

Lance Short, student at Southern Oregon College at Ashland, spent the weekend at his home here.

Teresa Leonard, small daughter of Mr. and Mrs. O. V. Leonard, is confined to her home on SE Lane Ave. because of chicken pox.

Vince Wroble and Wilbur Ford of this city spent Friday, Saturday and Sunday in Coos Bay attending the Department of Oregon Military Order of Cooties.

The Business and Professional Women's Club will sponsor a rummage sale Saturday, May 11, at 247 SE Jackson St. Those having articles to donate to the sale and desire to have them picked up are asked to call Mrs. Story Iles, OR 2-4697.

Beth Diehl, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Diehl, 1150 Azalea Drive, Roseburg, is among newly tapped members of Linfield College chapter of Spurs, national sophomore women's service organization. Miss Diehl is a freshman at Linfield. Retiring Spurs chose the new members from among freshmen women who have received a 2.5 grade point average or better during their first semester of college. Also considered are the candidate's activities and willingness to serve the college. The new Spurs will be officially dubbed into active duty by the Linfield May Queen at traditional May Day festivities May 11. The Spurs work closely with Intercollegiate Knights, national sophomore men's service organization, in upholding the college traditions and in being of service on the campus. They are co-sponsors of Parents Weekend and are very active during freshmen orientation week.

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