



WELCOMES SUCCESSOR

Frank Poole, right, shakes hands with Everett Cornett, who will replace Poole with the Oregon Farm Bureau Insurance Company. Looking on in the center of the picture is Chuck Proctor from the Oregon Farm Bureau office in Salem.

Wheat Allotments Mailed This Week

Wheat growers of Union County should have received their 1960 acreage allotments through the mail this week. Chairman Ben L. Robinson of the county Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Committee, announced today.

There is a total of 678 farms with 1960 wheat acreage allotments in county having a combined acreage of 42,443 acres. These allotments are being mailed at this time so farmers will have them in advance of the July 23 referendum, at which growers throughout the county will decide whether to market their 1960 wheat under the same quota system that has been in effect for several years.

The 1960 farm allotment will be about the same in most cases as it was last year. It represents the individual farm's share of the national wheat allotment, which will continue next year at the minimum of 35 million acres permitted by law.

If marketing quotas go into effect for the 1960 wheat crop as a result of two-thirds approval

300 Honor Frank Poole At Picnic

Over 300 persons paid tribute to Mr. and Mrs. Frank Poole at the annual Union county picnic Sunday, July 12.

Guests heard Chuck Proctor, representing the Oregon Farm Bureau Federation, praise Poole for untiring effort on behalf of the OFBF Insurance Company, later presenting the couple with a gift of an electric roaster.

Following the message from Salem, Gene Stockhoff, county FB president, thanked the Pooles on behalf of the organization bringing from behind the scenes, a pair of basket chairs for their retirement.

Preceding the presentations entertainment was offered by the Union County Fair Maids. The audience showed their appreciation of the girls' offerings of pantomimes, solos, readings.

The incoming FB Insurance agent for the county was also present. He is Everett Cornett, former Vocational Agriculture instructor in the Vale schools.

Diseases Infect Union Wheat Land

"Take all" and "root rot" have infected several thousand acres of Union county wheat acres, Ted Sidor, Union county agent, reported today.

Both diseases are caused by fungus growth that lives in the soil or on diseased stubble and straw of cereals and grasses. The control measure is a crop rotation to legumes and clean plowing. Seed treatment, using organic mercurials may be beneficial.

Farmers are urged to inspect their fields and if symptoms of the disease are in evidence the listed control measures should be taken.

The symptoms for "take all" shows the base of the stem becomes covered or streaked with a coal-black fungus growth under the leaf sheaths. Plants are stunted, mature early and have

Sheep Equipment News Published By College

Homemade equipment to ease the job of handling sheep in farm flocks can be constructed from simple building plans published in bulletin form by Oregon State College Extension service.

Free copies of the new bulletin, "Sheep Handling Equipment," are available from county extension offices or from the OSC bulletin clerk, Corvallis.

Bulletin plans include such items as portable feed racks and troughs, wool-packing rack, portable loading chute, panels for white empty heads. Some of the fillers may fail to head.

Wheat infected with "root rot" have roots that are brown and decayed and generally, infected plants are stunted and paler than healthy plants. Sometimes growth are discolored and fungus growth is evident in the diseased area.

Polls Announced For Wheat Quota Vote

Voting places for the referendum to be held July 23 on the marketing quotas for the 1960 wheat crop were announced today by Ben L. Robinson, chairman, County Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Committee. The locations are as follows:

Elgin: American Legion Hall, Elgin, Oregon.

Summerville: IOOF Hall, Summerville, or Imbler Legion Hall, Imbler.

Alice: Imbler Legion Hall, Imbler or Farm Bureau, Island City.

Union: Cove City Hall, Cove City or Union City Hall, Union or Farm Bureau, Island City.

North Powder: City Hall, North Powder.

La Grande: ASC Office, Sacajawea Annex or Farm Bureau, Island City.

Farmers who are eligible to vote in the wheat quota referendum are all those who in 1960 will have more than 15 acres of wheat for harvest as grain on a farm except those who are participating in the 1959 feed wheat program. Under the feed wheat program, farmers may arrange with the county office to grow up to 30 acres of wheat for use only on the farm where grown without being subject to marketing quota penalties.

If at least two-thirds of the growers who vote in the referendum approve the quotas, they will remain in effect for 1960-crop wheat and price support will be available to farmers who comply with their farm wheat allotments at least 75 per cent of parity. Farmers who exceed the larger of the farm allotment or 15 acres will be subject to a marketing penalty of 45 per cent of the wheat parity price on their excess wheat.

If the quotas are not approved by at least two-thirds of the growers voting, the quotas and penalties will not be in effect, and price support will be available to farmers who comply with their farm wheat allotments at 50 per cent of parity, as directed by law. At current parity levels, that would be about \$1.18 per bushel.

July 23 Set For Wheat Decision

Wheat growers of the county will soon be making their annual decision on marketing quotas. Chairman Ben L. Robinson of the County Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Committee said today.

On July 23, they will join with wheat farmers in 38 other States in a referendum to decide the type of marketing control program they will have for the 1960 crop of wheat. The referendum is held at this time so that farmers will know at winter wheat planting time whether marketing restrictions will be in effect at harvest time in 1960.

The wheat program on which farmers will vote, Mr. Robinson said, is the same as that which has been in effect for the last several years. Marketing quotas have been proclaimed by the Secretary of Agriculture as required by the law when supplies are excessive. They will remain in effect only if approved by two-thirds of the farmers voting in the referendum.

When wheat marketing quotas are in effect, farmers who comply with their individual farm wheat acreage allotments may market their entire wheat crop without penalty and are eligible for price support at least 75 per cent of parity. A grower who exceeds his allotment will be subject to marketing quota penalties on his excess wheat except that any grower may produce up to 15 acres for harvest as grain without penalty.

If more than one-third of the voters vote for no quota controls, they do not take effect and there are no restrictions on wheat marketing. Price support is available at 50 per cent of parity to farmers who comply with their acreage allotments.

The marketing quota penalty rate will be announced later, Mr. Robinson said. It is \$1.07 per bushel for 1959-crop wheat.

Any farmer is eligible to vote who expects to produce more than 15 acres of wheat for harvest as grain in 1960, except a grower who participated in the feed wheat program in 1959.

making pens, foot bath, shepherds' crook, and a portable shelter.

The bulletin was prepared by M. G. Huber, agricultural engineering specialist, and Dean Frischknecht, animal husbandry specialist, OSC extension service.



THE GOOD EARTH

Roy Stauffer, Union, checks the soil samples in the lab at the Eastern Oregon Experiment Station during the Farmer-Merchani tour Monday. The four boards contain the various types of soils that are found throughout the valley. (Observer Photo)

County Added To Farm Tax 'Revolt'

Another county Farm Bureau has added their approval to a tax revolt as suggested by the North Powder Farm Bureau center.

The Morrow county group expressed their agreement recently when action was taken on the resolution originating in this county.

A great deal of interest was shown throughout the state when the resolution calling for farmers to refuse to pay their property taxes was presented to the public. The 'tax-disgusted' property owners have called for a broader tax base or a sales tax to offset the overhauling property tax. County Farm Bureaus throughout the state are taking action on the resolution before sending members to a mid-summer meeting for resolution study.

Legislation requires that the final wheat support rate determined on the basis of the wheat parity price as of the beginning of the marketing year and of wheat supply relationships of the same date. Currently, wheat supply relationships indicate a support level at 75 per cent of parity.

The July, 1959, wheat parity price of \$2.36 a bushel, announced June 30, is less than the advance parity estimate of \$2.41 a bushel made in May, 1958, and used in determining the minimum 1959 support rate. Since 75 per cent of the July parity of \$2.36 a bushel would be less than the \$1.81 minimum announced a year ago, the final support rate will be the same as the previously announced minimum. The final rate can be higher but not lower than the minimum rate.

The national average support price for 1958-crop wheat was \$1.82 per bushel, 75 per cent of the July, 1958, wheat parity price.

Why Not Fair MAIDS?

Frank Poole says: Why do we always refer to our pretty fair court as the FAIR maids—why not the Fair MAIDS? which they most certainly are.

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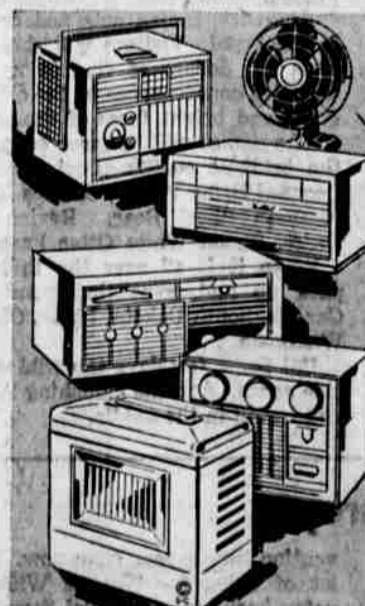
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