

Wheat Crop Quota Voted By Farmers

By OVID A. MARTIN
WASHINGTON (AP)—A government proposal to put rigid marketing quotas on the 1954 wheat crop won top-sided approval in a nationwide farmer referendum Friday.

Conclusive but unofficial returns from 45 states gave 236,436 for the control program and 47,013 against. This was a favorable margin of 80.3 per cent. Approval by 66-2-3 per cent was required.

The quotas—proposed by Secretary of Agriculture Benson because the nation has an oversupply of the grain—will require farmers to cut production and sales about 20 per cent from this year's volume.

The results assured continuance of present high-level price supports of about \$2.20 a bushel for wheat. A defeat for quotas would have reduced supports to about \$1.23 and a similar reduction in market prices.

Matched Forecast
The returns were in line with official expectation that farmers would vote the quotas even if they did not like them because of the economic pressure of the situation.

Political leaders had said a drop in wheat prices resulting from defeat of controls might well adversely affect Republican congressmen seeking re-election next year.

Some 900,000 growers were eligible to vote.

Before the balloting got under way, officials expressed confidence that final returns would give the necessary two-thirds majority in favor of the Agriculture Department's proposal to invoke marketing quotas.

Vote Required
Although the Eisenhower administration is on record as opposing most government controls, Secretary of Agriculture Benson was required to submit the proposal to a vote under the farm-aid law.

The major purpose was to prevent the production of a wheat crop next year that would add to an already staggering surplus of the grain. The vote thus had important economic significance, as well as political overtones.

The controls proposal called for about a 20 per cent cut in production and sales of wheat.

This was the choice that confronted wheat farmers.

Approve quotas and thus assure continuance for another year of the present 90 per cent of parity price supports for wheat, or reject them and see the supports cut to 50 per cent of parity, as required under law.

Dollar per Bushel
Thus about a dollar a bushel was involved in the day's balloting. The 90 per cent parity support would be about \$2.20 and the 50 per cent support about \$1.23.

Some politicians said before the voting that a reduction of the support price to 50 per cent, even though mandatory under the law, might spell rough going for some Republican members of Congress up for re-election next year.

In the last referendum in 1942, a majority of 82.4 per cent voted for controls.

Mid-Valley Adds Wheat Quota Support

Wheat farmers of Marion, Polk and Linn Counties followed the rest of the nation's wheat growers Friday and voted overwhelmingly for strict marketing quotas and price supports at 90 per cent of parity.

The three-county vote was 394 to 48, according to official figures released by Production Marketing Administration offices.

A break-down of the voting showed: Marion County, 155 for and 25 against; Polk County, 143 for and 12 against; and Linn County, 96 for and 11 against.

FMA officials called the turnout light.

For Marion County the vote means a setback of 29 per cent in the 27,000 acres now planted in wheat. Last year's acreage was 18,000, a FMA official said.

Those casting negative votes were voting for no restrictions in acreage allotments with price supports at 50 per cent of parity. (Oregon results on page 2.)

Contracts Near On New Part Of Expressway

Contracts for the first major work on the Willamette River-Hayesville section of the new four-lane Portland-Salem expressway may be awarded at a meeting of the State Highway Commission in Portland Sept. 24 and 25, State Highway Engineer R. H. Baldock said Friday.

First large job involves grading of the new expressway from the river to Gervais. Cost of this project was estimated at \$935,000.

Bids for grading the section from Gervais to Hayesville, north of Salem, probably will be considered at the January meeting of the commission. This job was estimated to cost \$630,000. At the May meeting of the commission bids will be called for paving the entire expressway from the Willamette River to Hayesville at an estimated cost of \$2,570,000.

Contract for construction of a grade separation structure on the expressway, a short distance east of the Wilsonville bridge, will be awarded at the March meeting, Baldock said. This was estimated to cost \$700,000. At the April meeting bids will be considered for another grade crossing structure at Hayesville, estimated to cost \$735,000.

Baldock said all work on the expressway from the Willamette River to the Boones Ferry Road is under contract with the exception of two grade separation structures. Bids for these separation structures will be called for at the September meeting of the commission.

The Salem-Portland expressway, to cost \$11,900,000, will be financed through use of funds derived from the first and second highway bond issues approved by the state legislature and federal funds.

Completion of the project, while dependent largely on weather conditions and economic factors, has been set for late in 1956.

Baldock said a substantial number of contractors were expected to bid on all of the projects.

More Bids Called For Elevator Shaft at Albany Burns

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British, U.S. Rift Remains

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y. (AP)—Britain was reported ready Friday night to act without United States support, if necessary, and demand that the U. N. General Assembly include Russia and India in the forthcoming Korean political conference.

The U. S.-British split over this issue was as wide as ever.

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Britain was understood to be much more concerned about the possible exclusion of Russia from the Korean conference than about India. The British position is that the conference is virtually doomed in advance unless Russia is a participant.

Britain was represented as convinced that Russia would never attend as a representative of the Communist belligerents—Red China and North Korea—since this might amount to branding herself as one of the aggressor nations.

Meaning of Pact
Deputy Secretary of State George A. Loeb Jr., is insisting that only countries which fought for the U. N. have any right to represent the world organization at the parley. This, he said, is the clear meaning of the armistice agreement.

If Russia wants to come as a representative of the Communist side, Loeb said Thursday, the United States will not object.

Meanwhile, U. N. Secretary General Dag Hammarskjold told newsmen that he favored a broad interpretation of the armistice agreement. This, in effect, lined him up with the British and others who believe the U. S. interpretation is too strict.

Heat Pushes Water Use to All-Time High

More lawns to water and more kids to keep cool from the summer heat have pushed Salem's daily water consumption to an all-time peak this week, Engineer Frank Morris of the water department said Friday.

Yet, there is still more water available than in past years. The reason, Morris said, is the large new reservoir set up last year near Turner.

Last year's peak water consumption was 21.8 million gallons in one 24-hour period. In 24 hours last Monday, however, Salem and Turner used 25 million gallons.

"Last year the drain was too much for the existing city reservoir," Morris said. "We could not fill it high enough during the night to keep the water pressure up during the day. But with the new reservoir at Turner, we have no trouble now."

Demand for water has tapered off a bit the last few days, he said. About 23½ million gallons were used Thursday. He attributed the greater consumption this summer to more lawns and, of course, to the warm weather.

Morris said another water conduit between Turner and Salem is in the planning stage.

15th FIRE IN DALLAS SERIES

DALLAS—The 15th fire in five days was reported Wednesday as a grass fire at 714 Hayter St. was quelled by the Dallas Fire Department. Damage was negligible.

FREEDOM VILLAGE, Korea (AP)—U. S. prisoners were taken off a "Murder a Mile" march deep into North Korea in 1950 when 500 of them perished, a returned American said Friday.

Another told of a death march in the cruel cold of 1951 on which a Chinese officer said the strong would survive and the weak would die. Only 200 of 800 men were strong.

Yet another told of a camp where beatings and torture became so commonplace that the prisoners named it "Black Valley."

There also were the usual stories of Americans who sold out their countrymen and spied on their comrades for the Communist captors.

"We lost a man a mile for at least 70 miles by murder," said F. J. Hunter, a returned prisoner, Pa., of an infamous march in November of 1950 under a North Korean called by his victims "The Tiger."

Returned civilians and sick or wounded exchanged last April have told of this march, but Hunter added a little more grim detail.

"The Tiger personally shot an Army lieutenant and the whole column of us witnessed it," Hunter declared.

The prisoners were stoned by Korean civilians when they reached Manpojin, near the Manchurian frontier. It was there that "The Tiger" took over for the "Murder a Mile" march to a camp farther north.

Hunter estimated that no more than 210 of 723 who started out finished the march. The rest were shot, or died of hunger, disease or wounds.

Sgt. Gerold K. Young of Des Moines said 800 weak and wounded prisoners were taken on a two-month march from near the front in the bitter winter of 1951. Only 200 made it.

He said a tall Chinese officer lined up the prisoners at the outset of the march and snarled in perfect English: "Now we are going to separate the men from the boys."

"He meant the strong would live, the weak would die," Young said.

On the march those who fell out

Young Crusaders Stage Street Parade



Winding up the first week of a two-week Bible school at the Wesleyan Methodist Church Friday these four kids and 68 others staged a parade through Salem streets. They are bedecked in hats and banners they made at the school. Shown above from left to right are Judith Perkey, 475 S. 17th St.; Marcia Freisen, 445 S. 16th St.; David Kaufmann, 352 S. 16th St., and Jean Sloan, 395 S. 16th St. (Statesman Photo) (Church news also on Page 12.)

Okinawa in Path of Mighty Typhoon

NAHA, Okinawa (AP)—A mighty typhoon—perhaps the greatest ever recorded in the western Pacific howl-roared down Saturday on this U. S. island base.

A Ryukyu headquarters spokesman said at noon that winds up to 50 miles an hour were whipping the island. "The sky is a yellowish grey, typical of typhoon periods," he said, "but it is not raining yet."

Various reports put the wind velocity near the howling vortex of the storm mass at speeds ranging from 138 to 194 miles an hour. The barometric reading was 26 inches of mercury, possibly a record low.

American soldiers, airmen and their families and islanders huddled in cement structures and typhoon shelters awaiting the big blow.

Lt. Jim Wolff of the Okinawa Air Base communications center said "we will be within the zone of the typhoon itself," 3 p.m. (10 p.m. PST).

Wolff said the center of the typhoon mass would be 200 miles away at that time and within 100 miles by 3 a. m. Sunday (11 a. m. PST, Saturday).

"It may take some time in passing, probably about 24 hours," Wolff said. "If the typhoon holds its present course, it should come right over the top of us." That means 24 hours of flailing, hammerlike winds, pounding unceasingly at every object in their path.

Planes Watch
Lowest domestic bidder was Porcelain Products Co., of Parkersburg, W. Va., \$408,000.

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Hurricane Veers From New England

NEW YORK (AP)—Hurricane Barbara swirled northeastward off New Jersey Friday night, promising the Northeast only a taste of the destruction it had visited earlier on Virginia and North Carolina.

At 10 p. m. (EST) the hurricane which had caused five deaths and more than a million dollars damage was at sea, 70 miles east northeast of Atlantic City.

Crunching along at 15 miles per hour, it was expected to strike the extreme eastern tip of Long Island, 125 miles east of New York City, by early morning.

If it continued its course it was expected to skirt the coast of New England.

Although thousands of persons fled exposed coastal areas and the entire Northeast was battered down, the Weather Bureau said there would be no hurricane disaster such as that which struck this area in 1938.

"The way it looks now," the Boston forecaster said, "New England will suffer no more than 'an ordinary northeast.'"

Hit Coast Areas
The hurricane, first of the season and second of the year, went to sea after scraping over North Carolina and Virginia coastal areas.

The blow packed a punch of 80 miles an hour at its core—less than in some hurricanes of the past but sufficient to knock down trees and smash windows.

North Carolina farm officials surveyed flattened fields and estimated damage to corn, bean, cotton and tobacco crops at more than a million dollars in that state alone.

Blown From Pier
A man was blown from a pier near Wilmington, N.C. Swept out to sea, he presumably was drowned.

A policeman in Norfolk County, Va., was killed when he touched a fallen live wire.

At Wading River, on the eastern end of Long Island, a man who had been alerted to the impending storm suffered a heart attack and died while pulling a boat from the water.

Driving rains which accompanied the storm's advance were blamed for traffic accidents which caused deaths on the New Jersey Turnpike and in New York City.

Spray Stops Human 'Pests'

PHILADELPHIA (AP)—James Douglass, a driver for an animal home, captured two holdup men Friday with an insect spray gun.

Police said Douglass was standing outside a grocery store when two men rushed out amid cries of "Holdup! Holdup!" from within the store.

Douglass, who had the spray gun in hand which he uses to deflea dogs, started pumping away at the two men. Blinded by insecticide, the two were easily captured by Douglass and two bystanders.

Shrine Hospital Project Pending

PORTLAND (AP)—Expansion of the Portland Shrine Hospital for Crippled Children to provide a one-third increase in bed capacity is pending before the national board for Shrine hospitals, Earl Riley, board chairman, said Friday.

Cost would be in excess of \$200,000. The enlargement would include two convalescent wards, two dining-playrooms and assembly and staff rooms in three separate additions.

Dog Days Too Much for Dog

INDEPENDENCE—It got so hot here this week that a dog committed suicide.

Rozie, six-months-old Boxer owned by Tom Girard, suddenly dashed upstairs and jumped out the window. The death leap followed an afternoon when the mercury read 95.

It was part of a rough evening for baby sitter Mona Fratze. Right after Rozie jumped, a bat flew down the chimney and swished around until the Girards came home and killed it.

MORRIS SUCUMBED
GALLUP, N. M. (AP)—Governor Morris, 77, great grandson of the revolutionary leader, Governor Morris, who helped draft the United States Constitution, died Friday of a heart attack.

COMMIES DISPersed
BERLIN (AP)—West Berlin broke up two minor Communist demonstrations Friday as distribution of free American food packages to East Germans topped the 2½ million mark.

IT SEEMS TO ME

By Charles A. Sprague
I attended as much as I could of the sessions of the Interstate Association of Public Land Commissioners yesterday but was absent when the D'Ewart bill, HR 4023, was discussed by Forrest Coopers, counsel for the Association, who appeared in its behalf in support of the bill at a congressional hearing. Cooper spoke in support of the bill and decried the objections to it raised by Oregon editors. What he failed to do was to justify the action of the Association in taking a stand on this legislation. It has nothing to do with county government. The legislation affected the granting of licenses to range livestock, particularly in national forests. It altered the methods for review of administrative decisions, and confirmed the permittee in the right of selling or assigning his permit. Neither Cooper, nor the officers of the association, attempted to explain why the county governments as such should take sides in this matter in which stockmen are lined up on one side and conservationists on the other.

Cooper endeavored to link President Eisenhower to the stockmen's bill by a rather circuitous route. Citing the President's general message on resource conservation of July 30th and then the bill S 2548 introduced by Senator Aiken dealing with grazing in national forests, Cooper gave the impression that this Aiken bill was very similar to

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Roy Simmons, Finance Firm President, Dies

Roy Harmon Simmons, Salem Route 9, Box 500, president of General Finance Corp., died early Friday afternoon in a Salem hospital following a year's illness. He was 60.

Simmons, who came to Salem 26 years ago and established General Finance Corp., which he had operated since, became seriously ill last Saturday and was taken to the hospital.

He was a breeder and exhibitor of American saddle show horses and at one time manager of the Oregon State Fair Horse Show for three years. He was once a member of the Oregon Mounted Posse.

Active in civic and public affairs, Simmons held membership in the Elks, Rotarians, American Legion, the National Association of Consumers Finance Co. and was a past president of the Small Loan Association of the State of Oregon.

Widow Survives
He was born in Brookings, S.D., Sept. 2, 1892, the son of Frank L. and Bertha Simmons. June 10, 1919 he married Miss Bertha Dahlstrom at Havre, Mont. She survives him.

A veteran of World War I, he held the rank of sergeant major. Surviving, besides his widow, are two daughters, Mrs. James B. Haley and Mrs. Charles Barclay, both of Salem; one sister, Mrs. Alta H. Alvord, Winfield, Kan.; and two brothers, Forrest E. Simmons, Eugene, and Delbert F. Simmons, Ottertall, Minn.

Upton Selected As Senator From New Hampshire

CONCORD, N. H. (AP)—Robert W. Upton, 69 year old Concord lawyer, Friday was appointed to succeed his long time friend, Charles W. Tobey in the United States Senate.

Upton, a Republican, will serve until January, 1955.

The remaining two years of the late Sen. Tobey's term will be filled at the state elections in November, 1954.

Animal Crackers



NO, I THOUGHT YOU WERE GOING TO BRING THE ANYS!

23 Fires Reported In State

Cooler weather and a slight rise in humidity is expected for Oregon, but forest fire danger will continue.

Twenty-three fires—none of them large—were reported Friday through out the state to the Forestry Department. This did not include 14 small fires set by lightning in the Umpqua National Forest in Southern Oregon.

The Weather Bureau in Portland forecast continuing electrical storms over the week end, particularly in south central and southwestern sections and over the Cascades.

No fires of any size were reported in mid-valley areas, but Salem roared again yesterday with the high temperature hitting 94.

Quickly Extinguished
A small grass fire broke out yesterday afternoon at the Frank Meeker residence, 2880 Pioneer Dr., but was quickly put out by Liberty-Salem Heights firemen.

Salem Fire Chief Ellsworth Smith said a burning permit would be issued for the morning hours only until the fire hazard lessened.

Lightning was blamed for 15 small fires in the state. Ten of these were in the Medford area, three near Klamath Falls and two in eastern Lane County.

Due to Logging
Logging fires burned over six to eight acres in Clackamas County, and 20 acres in Lane County.

Salem experienced a sharp temperature drop Friday afternoon when the mercury plunged from the high of 94 at 2:30 p.m. to 62 degrees at 8:30 p.m. The weatherman said the 32-degree drop was due to a sharp increase in clouds and a fresh westerly wind.

Friday was Portland's hottest day of the year—96 degrees. Other readings: The Dalles 105, Medford 99, Pendleton 98, Ontario 97, Roseburg 93, Eugene 90.

Japan Firm Given Contract For Insulators

PORTLAND (AP)—The Bonneville Power Administration Friday announced approval by Assistant Interior Secretary Fred G. Aandahl of a contract to the Nippon Gaisai Kaisha, Ltd., of Nagoya, Japan, for 100,000 high-voltage suspension insulators.

The Japanese firm bid \$300,000 for the contract. Sample units passed all electrical and mechanical tests which were part of the specifications. Its bid also met a 25 per cent differential below domestic offers.

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 - At Vancouver 3-5, Yakima 0-4
 - At Edmonton 5, Calgary 10
 - At Lewiston 4-26, Tri-City 3-3
 - At Spokane 1, Wenatchee 3
- Coast League**
- At Hollywood 7, Portland 15
 - At San Diego 6, Los Angeles 1
 - At Seattle 3, Oakland 4
 - At San Francisco 5, Sacramento 4
- National League**
- At Chicago 11, Milwaukee 4
 - At Cincinnati 2, St. Louis 1
 - At Brooklyn, Philadelphia (rain)
 - At New York, Pittsburgh (rain)
- American League**
- At Detroit 8, Chicago 7
 - At St. Louis 7, Cleveland 8
 - At Boston, Washington (rain)
 - At Philadelphia, New York 8

BASEBALL