

# FARM NEWS

## County Agent's Office

### Secretary Lists Highlights Of Wheat Referendum

By N. C. ANDERSON

We have just received a copy of Secretary Freeman's March 29 announcement regarding the wheat referendum. In it he names May 21 as the date for the vote. He also confirms most of the program provisions recently assumed by E. R. S. ASCS and Extension Service in describing the alternatives for 1964 and their consequences. All together the announcement contains 14 double spaced pages. We cannot print it all but will outline here the important parts of the announcement as we see them. If anyone would like to study the full announcement they are welcome to do so at this office. These are the highlights:

- (1) Set May 21 as the date for a referendum on the 1964 wheat program (marketing quotas).
- (2) Established wheat support prices at \$2.00 per bushel national average for certified wheat and \$1.30 per bushel for non-certified wheat if the referendum carries (or if quotas are approved).
- (3) Set the (proposed) national marketing quota at 1,220,000 bushels and the national acreage allotment for 1964 at 49,500,000 acres—the same as in 1962.
- (4) Determined a wheat marketing allocation for certified wheat of 975,000,000 bushels, 50 percent of the (proposed) national marketing quota. Individual producers will receive marketing certificates for 80 percent of the normal production on their acreage allotments (if quotas are approved).
- (5) Announced State acreage allotments based on the national allotment.
- (6) Set diversion payment rates on wheat acreage put to conserving uses (if quotas are approved).
- (7) Announced there will be no non-commercial wheat-producing States designated under the 1964 program (8).

#### Van Blokland Adds Herd Size

Wilbur Van Blokland, who works for Harold Wright, Ruggs, and keeps a small registered herd of Herefords, has constantly

improved his breeding. On a visit last week to this ranch I had the opportunity of seeing a new yearling bull that Wilbur purchased from Sid Seale, Condon. The bull is of Diamond Rupert-Zato breeding from a cow that Mr. Seale brought back from the Turner herd in Oklahoma, graded 1-. He has exceptional depth, width and good bone and promises to be a real herd sire. He should be well on the excellent Hereford cows owned by Wilbur and his boys.

#### New Bulletin Available

A new family bulletin, "When Death Comes," a companion to the popular "Wills" bulletin is now available from this office. Designed to help ease the burden for your family by planning ahead for financial concerns at time of death, it gives information on important matters such as funeral and burial costs, banking accounts, safe deposit boxes, life insurance and social security benefits. The bulletin explains subjects that every family, young or old, should discuss long before death occurs.

Other topics covered in the bulletin include cremation, funeral insurance, choosing a funeral director, appraising cemetery lots, cut-rate funerals, shipping a body to a distant place for burial, veteran's benefits, savings bonds, estate taxes and letters of last instructions.

#### Work Horses Still In Demand for 'Chores'

Something new has been added in livestock breeding of the area. In a recent issue of the Oregon Cattleman, the Oliver Ranch, Oregon, advertises gentle young work horses for sale. A story accompanying the ad points out that Joe Oliver, John Day rancher, recognizing a need on his own ranch, assumed there were probably others that shared his requirements and entered into the business of breeding work horses.

At first it was for his own use but soon expanded into sufficient volume to maintain a supply for sale. Since he could not find teams to replenish his needs he found that they were practically

gone from this area. His quest took him eventually into Canada where he purchased a Percheron stallion bred by the University of Alberta. Most of his brood mares also came from that general area. The Oliver Ranch, like others I am sure, find that teams actually speed up feeding of livestock and other general "chores" work.

#### Weed Research Controls Shown at OSU Shortcourse

A number of interesting new chemical developments were discussed last week by research people to about 30 county agents attending a weed training short-course at OSU. Several new weed developments which promise to make weed control more effective in Morrow county include a product when mixed with 2,4-D is very effective for the control of Tarweed. This same chemical is excellent for the control of knotweed, dog fennel and corn cockle, all three, especially the knotweed being troublesome weeds here.

Also to be recommended soon is a chemical combination for the control of cheatgrass that will cost no more than \$2 per acre. Applied as a pre-emergent spray in the fall all cheat may be controlled without affecting volunteer grain and broadleafed weeds. Also reported upon were many new promising chemicals which are not yet ready for release. Some interesting research is being done with physiological factors effecting weed control which includes the effects of temperature, light, fertility and plant structure on weed control. Research in this promising phase is being stepped up considerably at the University.

Other items of interest discussed during the two-day short-course was an outline of extension agent's weed job, weed control demonstrations, making weed mounts, weed control districts and County Weed Advisory committees. Chemical properties of weed control which included the use of wetting agents, compatibility, tests for residues; treating ponds and weeds and new developments in the use of herbicides.

#### Control Needed Now

If you are a gooseberry grower and have not yet taken the precautions for the control of the gooseberry maggot there may yet be time for control. The 50% wettable or 5% Methoxychlor dust is recommended. The first application should be made when flies first appear which in my experience is as soon as gooseberries begin to bloom. The application needs to be repeated at 14 day intervals. This is the same recommendation for the currant fruit fly which should be applied as soon as currants begin to bloom.

#### ASC Area Director Speaker At April 22 Wheat Meeting

Arrangements have been made to have Jim Dyess, Northwest Area Director ASC, to participate in our information meeting on the 1964 wheat program. This educational meeting will be held at the Fair Annex building on Monday evening, April 22. We feel quite fortunate in being able to schedule Mr. Dyess for this important meeting.

He, as former executive vice president, National Association Wheat Growers Association, was in on the ground-floor as legislation for this program was developed. He is known for his efforts in working closely with various groups and the Department of Agriculture in working out details for the program. As well as having this good background Mr. Dyess is an excellent speaker. There should be no questions left unanswered other than some of the fine details not yet worked out. Why don't you put this date down on your calendar now and plan to attend.

#### Farms on Decline in Most States

Number of farms continued to decline in all states last year except Alaska and Hawaii, where farm numbers held steady. Land in farms held steady in 18 of the 50 states, declined in the other 32. In most states, average size of farm increased.

#### Crossbred Lambs Show Increase

Crossbreeding sheep produced as many as 27 more weaned lambs for every 100 ewes bred than did purebred sheep, according to an eight-year USDA study. Crossbred lambs averaged as much as ten pounds heavier than purebreds at weaning.

## Your Home Agent

### Life Challenging To Peace Worker In El Salvador

By ESTHER KIRMISS

A young friend of mine, Belya Fegley, a former extension agent from North Dakota, is now teaching the skills of modern homemaking to rural women in Ilobasco, El Salvador, a small Central American republic.

A home state paper tells that she has been a Peace Corps Volunteer in El Salvador for the past 10 months. El Salvador's 2 1/2 million people are crowded into an area about one-ninth the size of North Dakota, giving it one of the highest population densities in the Western Hemisphere. It is a beautiful country of lakes and extinct volcanoes, but it's people are impoverished.

Its economy depends, in large measure, on the products of its land, but the country's campesinos, or peasant farmers, are handicapped by their primitive, age-old methods of cultivation. The infant mortality rate in El Salvador is 40 times that of the U. S., an appalling figure that is due mainly, experts say, to malnutrition.

So far Beva has organized five 4-H clubs and four Amas Decasa (housewives) in Ilobasco and in the surrounding countryside—strengthening nutrition. She has been stressing the advantages of drinking milk and showing mothers how they can use dried milk in a variety of ways. There is a tendency for the people of Ilobasco to ignore nutritious foods that are readily available, and Beva has gone to great pains to show her girls how to make salad using local citrus fruits.

"There is a problem, though. It will be hard to make any improvement on their diet unless I provide them with more buying power first. The people who need milk and meat the most can't afford it. They need an added source of income. It can't be a gift, but must be legitimate way of earning," the agent said.

Fortunately, there is a legitimate way since Ilobasco is the ceramics capital of El Salvador. The town is full of small kilns.

Says Beva, who took a year of ceramics as part of an art minor, "They do fine work here, but they are in a rut. They make the same kind of things for the tourists year after year, and there is a whole world of unexplored possibility." Besides encouraging the local artisans to consider new designs, Beva has been talking to them about being more efficient in their marketing. She has even lined up friends in the U. S. who will sell glazed ware from Ilobasco.

Ilobasco is an old town. Farmers ride horses and drive ox carts along cobblestone streets that are a relic of the days when Central America was part of the Spanish empire.

The former agent's rented house has a single high-ceilinged living-bed room, with an open kitchen in back. There is electricity and running water in the house four hours a day.

When she moved in she removed the rocks that lined a small patio in back, and in their place planted a vegetable garden. She did this primarily to show the townsmen, who visit her frequently, what can be done with a limited amount of space.

In like manner she has fixed up her room, whitewashing the walls and furnishing it with things that can be bought locally. These include fabrics and packing cases which can be converted into cabinets and cost only 50c apiece.

Children who live up and down her street drop into her house at all hours of the day, borrowing books and comic books that she keeps on a shelf for that purpose.

"These children have an insatiable thirst for reading, but there is nothing for them here to be had," she said.

After her arrival last spring

## Sewing Club Plans Flower Show June 1

At a meeting of the Sew-a-long 4-H club April 6, the members decided on a date for the flower show, which will be June 1. The girls also picked several different committees and their chairmen.

General chairman will be Jean Stockard, since she is the junior leader. Publicity chairman is Judy Smith; judges, Rogenia Wilson; entry, Nonda Clark; staging, Joan Stockard, and hospitality, Lynn Burkenbine. There will be a Silver Tea to pay for the show, and Carol Rawlins will be in charge of this. We have not as yet picked a theme.

The meeting was adjourned and refreshments were served. Judy Smith, reporter

## Clubs to Join For Livestock Judging Apr. 20

All Morrow county 4-H livestock club members are encouraged to attend the second "4-H Livestock Judging Day" on Saturday afternoon, April 20. The event will start at 1:30 sharp at the Harold Wright ranch at Ruggs, announces Joe Hay, county extension agent.

Four-H members will be judging classes of beef, sheep, swine, and possibly a class of dairy. Some club members will be asked to give oral reasons and all will be asked to turn in written reasons, Hay said.

Scores from the April 2 judging day will be added to the scores of the 4-H livestock judging day held last fall. These scores will be used to help determine the 4-H members eligible for the state fair and Pacific International Livestock Exposition judging teams.

Club members who missed the judging day last fall should plan to attend this event as they still have a chance to make one of the judging teams. "These judging days are designed to be educational and younger club members should attend for the judging practice and training they offer," Hay emphasized.

## Sit and Nit Club Has Demonstrations

The April meeting of the 4-H Sit and Nit club was held in the conference room on Tuesday, April 2. Sue Griffith led in the flag salute and Charlene Knox led in the 4-H pledge.

Carolyn Bookman gave a demonstration on how to cast on stitches. Charlene Knox demonstrated how to make a pom pom. Teresa Moore reported on our meeting with the Soroptimist club. We discussed a date for parents' night. Our next meeting will be on May 7.

Sue Griffith, reporter

Mimeograph paper, 8 1/2 x 11 and 8 1/2 x 14, 16 and 20 lb., white and colors at the Gazette-Times.

she found that she was exhausted at the day's end by her effort to understand and make herself understood in Spanish. "It was a relief to come back here and shut the door and escape it, but now I am more fluent and it is no longer such a struggle."

Beva finds that the girls of Ilobasco are less inhibited and more anxious to learn than were those with whom she worked in the United States.

"They are so less likely to take learning for granted. These girls are so used to being directed and told what to do. I want to get them so they can be self-reliant, and, for example, choose their own club officers. In this way they will sample a little democracy. Maybe in the long run this sort of thing will prove to be our most lasting contribution."

Information on the Peace Corp is available at the county agent's office in Heppner.

## 17,000 Farmers In Oregon May Ballot on May 21

More than 17,000 Oregon farmers can qualify to vote May 21 in the national wheat referendum which will decide the nation's wheat marketing policies for 1964.

The vote relates to the program that would be in effect only for the 1964 crop. This referendum is required by the 1962 Food and Agriculture Act. The law instructs the Secretary of Agriculture to offer U. S. wheat producers an opportunity to choose between two kinds of programs for next year, explains M. D. Thomas, Oregon State University extension agricultural economist.

For the first time, farmers with wheat allotments of less than 15 acres will be able to vote. However, farmers with these small allotments must indicate their wish to vote by signing with the county Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service office by May 14, points out R. E. Scheden, chairman of the State ASC committee.

Those signing up to vote will also qualify to receive price supports, marketing certificates and diversion payments if marketing quotas are approved. If quotas are disapproved, those who sign will be in essentially the same position as if they had not indicated a desire to vote, Thomas said.

As usual, all wheat producers with allotments of 15 acres or more are automatically eligible to vote in the referendum.

Details of the 1964 program were recently announced by Secretary of Agriculture Orville Freeman. He has set the national acreage allotment at 49.5 million acres, 10 percent under 1963 but the same as 1962, and has proposed a national marketing quota for domestic use, export, seed and livestock feed of 1,220,000,000 bushels.

If approved, certificates covering about 80 percent of the quota will be issued. These certificates entitle the farmer to a support price of \$2 a bushel, national average. The remaining wheat would not receive certificates, but would be supported at a lower level of \$1.30 a bushel, national average.

If quotas are disapproved, the law provides that the 1964 wheat support rate would be 50 percent of parity for growers who plant within their allotments. At the March parity level, this would mean about \$1.25 a bushel support. Those exceeding their acreage allotments would lose their eligibility for price supports, but there would be no marketing quota penalty, Thomas said.

Secretary Freeman set Oregon's 1964 wheat acreage allotment at 769,059 acres. This compares with 851,980 acres in 1963 and 763,938 in 1962.

County ASCS and Extension offices have work forms for wheat producers use in analyzing income effects on individual farms. They also have other pertinent information to help each wheat grower to decide for himself how he wishes to vote on May 21, Thomas said.

## 213 Applicants Get Surplus Food

Distribution of surplus foods in Morrow county have exceeded expectations, according to Mrs. Betty McDonald, store manager at the county welfare office. The program was set up last December by the county court in anticipation of meeting the needs of 200 applicants. During February, 213 were served out of 232 who registered.

Mrs. McDonald points out that those persons residing in the county with cooking facilities are in general eligible under the following conditions:

- 1. Cash on hand or cash value of insurance policies of not more than \$250.00 for one person or \$500.00 for two.
  - 2. Net (take home) family income during the previous 30 days of not more than: a. \$102.00 for 1 person; b. \$147.00 for 2 persons; c. \$186.00 for 3 persons; d. \$223.00 for 4 persons; e. \$269.00 for 5 and 6 persons; f. \$360.00 for 7, 8 and 9 persons; or g. \$383.00 for 10 or more persons.
- Registration may be made any weekday afternoon, Monday through Friday at 117 Center Street in Heppner (Case Building).

## Monument

MMM Club met last Thursday afternoon at the home of Mae McWilliams, with Mrs. Marge Dear-doff as co-hostess. One visitor and 11 members were present. The next meeting, last one until fall, will be at the home of Mrs. Marnie Ferguson, with potluck dinner served at noon.

A baby shower honoring Mrs. Judy (Stirwalt) Bersch was held Friday at the George Capon residence. She received many lovely presents.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred McWilliams, Mr. and Mrs. George Strittit, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Gienzer, Ossie Engle and Ed Round drove to John Day last Wednesday for the services of Phyllis McGarr.

Visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Raymond for two weeks is Mrs. Beatrice Jolly, Woodland, Wn. She is here to help Mrs. Raymond following the birth of their daughter, Susan.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Blake attended the Rockhounds Pot-Wow on the Friday Ranch near Prineville over the week-end. Over 250 cars were registered there Saturday.

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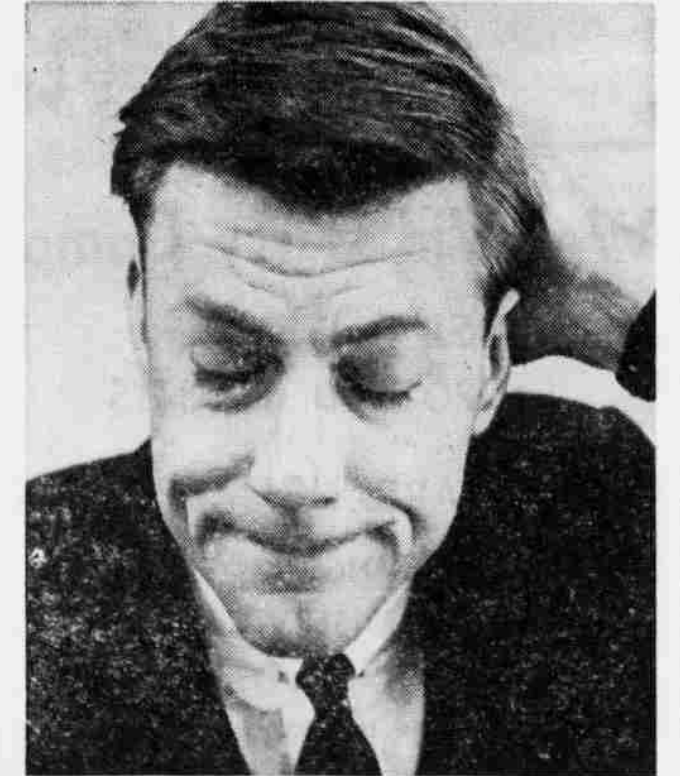


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