

County Agent's Office

Eligible Voting Rules Given for Referendum

By N. C. ANDERSON

Producers who have an interest in a 1964 farm wheat acreage allotment are eligible to vote in the 1964 wheat marketing quota referendum. However, if the allotment is less than 15 acres, the operator must elect 7 days prior to date of such referendum to participate as an allotment grower in 1964, if he and other producers on the farm wish to vote in the referendum. This election is made by signing in the space provided on the back of the regular allotment notice, MQ-24, for the farm or on another copy of the form provided by the county ASC office.

A person can only cast one ballot in the referendum regardless of the number of wheat farms in which he is interested, except:

1. Individual members of a partnership shall each have a vote, but the partnership as such shall not have a vote.
2. A person may also vote as the representative of an organization, such as a corporation. (Such an organization is entitled to only one vote.)
3. A person may also vote as the administrator or executor of an estate, or as a trustee or guardian, but the persons whom he represents are not eligible.

Producers who have an interest in an allotment include:

1. Landowners who receive all or a share of the wheat or proceeds thereof. Landowners who rent their land to a tenant for cash are not eligible. In the event land is owned jointly by two or more persons the following will apply: (a) In the State of Arizona, California, Idaho, Louisiana, Nevada, New Mexico, Texas, and Washington, which have community property statutes, owners of community property (both husband and wife) are eligible to vote if the allotment is on community property. (b) In all states, joint owners (both names on the deed) are eligible to vote if the allotment is on the jointly owned property.
2. Tenants or sharecroppers having an interest in the farm acreage allotment because of sharing in the wheat crop or

proceeds thereof. Producers who lease land as joint tenants (both names on the lease) are each eligible to vote.

Examples: (a) Husband and wife both sign written lease to operate farm—both are eligible to vote. (b) Only the husband signs written lease to operate farm—only the husband will be eligible to vote. (c) Husband and wife lease the farm on a verbal lease with the owner, and the county committee determines that both are responsible for carrying out the tenant obligations under the lease.

Polls will be open from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. They will be at the Lone Legion hall, Lexington Grange hall, Tryco Equipment Company Building, Heppner. Polls will also be open at the Boardman City hall if any operator in that area elects to participate as an allotment grower as provided by law.

Weed Fact Sheets Released

Recently released were a series of Fact Sheets giving descriptions of, and control measures for 24 Oregon weeds. Each Fact Sheet is illustrated with a drawing of the weed being discussed. There is also a brief description of its growth habits and steps to be taken for control. These sheets cover Bull Thistle, Bur Cherill, Catch Weed, Cattails, Cheatgrass, Chicory, Cocklebur, Corncockle, Cowcockle, Dodder, Henbit, Horseweed, Knotweed, Little Bur, Matchweed, Narrow Leaved Milkweed, Purple Filory, Purple Mustard, Scowring Rush, Shoestring Weed, Snowy Milkweed, St. Johnswort, Wild Oats, and Yellow Star Thistle.

Pamona Gives 4-H Scholarship

Pamona Grange gets the "Early Bird" award for first to turn in a 4-H club scholarship to the 1963 summer school. It is that time of the year and organizations, businesses and interested persons who have contributed towards sending a 4-H boy or girl to summer school will be contacted soon by members of the scholarship committee to see if they wish to make such a contribution this year. Committees are also in the process of selecting the delegates from a long list of eligibles to attend this popular event. The six day affair will be held on the Oregon State University campus from June 10-15.

Agricultural Research Continues in Importance

A few days ago while catching up on some reading from the many periodicals and other material that comes across my desk, I read an editorial that I thought had a lot of "meat" in it. The editorial written by publisher and editorial director of a small magazine, "Electricity on the Farm," is printed here so that others might share in Mr. Hansens' thoughts.

"Every now and again someone comes along and proposes that agricultural research activities such as those conducted by our land grant universities, USDA, and private industry should be decreased or discontinued altogether. This proposal is usually offered as a cure-all for our agricultural price problems and surpluses.

"We feel such action would be disastrous in the long run. Intensive research into development of better farming methods must be continued and expanded for the welfare of our American economy and way of life. Why? Consider the following:

"1. Efficiency always pays. In farming as in any other business or industry, whether in good or bad economic times,

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American prosperity has been made possible from continuous development and adoption of better, more efficient production methods by industry and agriculture.

"2. Statisticians predict that U. S. population, at the present rate of increase, will be double its present figure very early in the 21st century. Along with this growth we are annually taking hundreds of thousands of acres of good productive farm land for other uses such as super highways, airports, and sprawling suburban developments—all necessary for our society. In the face of these situations, it is a well established fact that no average yield of today is great enough and no farming method now used extensively is efficient enough to provide food needs for our expected population at the end of the century, even with present acreage.

"We do admit there are more supplies of certain foods today than we are consuming. Some people choose to refer to them as monstrous surpluses which are blamed for low prices, high taxes, and other undesirable situations which can be blamed on the agricultural problem. We prefer to think of our extra foods which run only 4 to 5% above annual needs, as a healthy form of insurance. It's doubtful if U.S. will ever again be able to reach an exact annual balance between food supplies and demands. The most comfortable position is to have the supply running ahead of the demand. We need research to maintain this momentum. Once it is lost, it could take several generations to get it going again. This our country could not afford in today's world struggle."

Grazing Lease is Available

We have at our office a notice of availability and invitation to bid for lease of approximately 8,000 acres of land in the Navy-Boardman Bombing Range for grazing purposes only. The lease will be for an initial term of one year commencing on or about June 1, 1963, with right of renewal from year to year thereafter. For those who might be interested I suggest you contact the Department of Navy, Seattle 99, Washington, or get complete information including the area to be leased at our office.

House Passes Grain Bill

The following telegram has been received from the Deputy Administrator, A.S.C. today:

"A voluntary feed grain bill was passed by the House of Representatives on April 25. This bill provides for a feed grain program in 1964 and 1965 similar to this year's program. There is every indication that it will reach the floor of the Senate in the very near future and that the Senate will pass it. The bill provides for the interchange of wheat and feed grain and hence offers producers greater flexibility and freedom than ever before."

Two Heppner Horses Qualify for Futurity

Ninety one colts and fillies including Bell Pitt Bar, owned by Max Barclay, Rt. 2, Heppner, are on the final official eligible list for the Yakima Meadows Futurity, the richest Quarter Horse in Pacific Northwest history.

Another Heppner eligible is Tee Seven Time, owned by Roderrick Murray, Heppner.

The 330 yard dash for two year old Quarter Horses will be run at Yakima Meadows May 12, for a gross estimated purse of \$18,000. Time trials, which will reduce the eligible field to 10 horses, are set for May 5.

The second annual Futurity, which was a \$12,500 race last year, is conducted by the Northern Racing Quarter Horse Assn., President is Fred Dormaier, Wasco.

Herman Green, Quarter Horse racing secretary at Yakima, said at least seven 330 yard time trials will be run May 5. The 10 finalists will be selected on the fastest time basis.

First money will be approximately \$9,000. Winner of the Futurity last year was Guy Bar, a colt owned by Bill and Wayne McMeans, Sunnyside, Wn. Guy Bar covered the distance in 17.2 seconds, track record time.

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County Extension Women Enrolled At State Meeting

By ESTHER KIRMIS

Six Morrow county extension unit women are among the 500 to 600 Oregon homemakers gathering for the annual State Home Economics Extension Council meeting on the OSU campus in Corvallis, April 30—May 2. The six include Mrs. Joe Wright and Esther Kirmis, Heppner; Mrs. Mary Adams and Mrs. Perry Pummel, Irrigon; and Mrs. Earl Briggs and Mrs. William Seehauser, Boardman.

"We think we have never had a finer program," writes Mrs. L. D. Vinson, our district representative. "The theme this year is 'Attitudes and Your Future.' All our speakers have the 'most popular' rating. Mrs. Riddle Lage (our state president) will speak on her trip to Melbourne, Australia for the ACWW (Associated County Women of the World) Triennial convention; Mrs. Roberta Fraser, OSU Family Life specialist; Mrs. Armus Jakku (former state extension president); Dr. Gerald Wallace (Corvallis Superintendent of Schools) and Dr. Lillian Van Loan (instructor from Coos Bay Community college)."

Workshops, which were so popular in previous years, will again be held on leadership, project leaders, ACWW, safety and health and careers and youth.

Conference will start on Tuesday evening at 6:00 p.m. with an International dinner, featuring an International Farm Youth Exchange speaker, and closes Thursday noon.

The Morrow county women will be staying at the Benton Hotel in Corvallis during their stay.

Knitty Knitters Meet

Nancy Campbell, Diana Cutsforth and Jeanine Hunt gave demonstrations to the Knitty Knitters 4-H club on April 22, at the home of Chris Munkers. The demonstrations were on knitting stitches, how to make pom poms and how to cast on. Jeanette Ledbetter, reporter

Money receipt books in duplicate and triplicate are on sale at the Gazette-Times.

Bill Would Up Tariffs on Meats

Higher tariffs for meats would be imposed under Senate Bill 537 when imports rise above the five year average prior to December 31, 1962, according to O. W. Cutsforth, chairman of the legislative committee of the Morrow County Livestock association.

This problem takes on real significance when the facts are considered of what has happened to imports the last few years. With the exception of 1951 when they reached 5.6 per cent of domestic production, net imports had never exceeded 5 per cent of domestic production until 1958 when they rose to 8.4 per cent. In 1961 the figure was nearly 8 per cent. In 1962 imports rose to a billion and a half pounds of meat or about 9 per cent of the domestic production of this country.

Getting closer to home, the U. S. Department of Commerce reports that receipts of boneless beef and veal, fresh, chilled or frozen through the Portland office in 1962 was 2,789,519 pounds with a value of \$894,727.00.

Cutsforth stated that if the increases noted the last few years are allowed to continue at such an uninterrupted rate it could be very damaging to the cattlemen of this state and nation. There is no intent to eliminate imports entirely, but only to provide enough protection so that local industry may flourish.

Although the United States is the leading cattle producing country, it stands second only to the United Kingdom among all the nations of the world in imports. The cattle industry in many areas of the United States is the chief mainstay of smaller communities and towns. Any loss in production on the ranches is directly reflected in an economic loss and a loss of employment in these communities.

Pvt. Robert Nichols Completes Training

Army Pvt. Robert L. Nichols, 20, son of Mrs. Nettie Thorpe, Heppner, completed eight weeks of advanced armor training at the Armor Center, Fort Knox, Ky., April 14.

Nichols received instruction in the duties and responsibilities of the four members of a tank crew: the gunner, loader, driver and tank commander.

He entered the army last November and completed basic training at Fort Ord, Calif.

Nichols is a 1961 graduate of Heppner high school.

Metsker maps of Morrow county, \$1.25, at the Gazette-Times office.

Committee Advises Tattooing of Calves

Members of the Oregon Livestock Advisory committee have recommended the tattooing of new-born calves in the ear as a means of discouraging the theft of young calves.

The committee, which serves in an advisory capacity to the Department of Agriculture, made this recommendation at an April 23 meeting in Salem.

The committee also proposed that cattlemen with brands use the brand for the tattoo. Because as many as six persons may use the same brand by having it in a different location on the animal the committee suggested that numbers from one to six be used with the tattoo of the brand to indicate the position of the brand on the animal.

For those cattlemen without brands the committee recommended the use of a design, number or initial as an identifying mark to assist livestock inspectors in identifying stolen calves.

Other recommendations made at the meeting were:

That the Department of Agriculture redefine livestock running at large to mean cattle of different ownership grazing together or co-mingling in a particular area.

That the list of recognized livestock beef breeds be enlarged to include the most pre-

valent beef breeds and that the department also permit inclusion of community designation of additional beef breeds found in that particular community. (Hereford, Angus and Short-horns are the breeds now listed in open range regulations.)

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