

# Morrow Tops Counties In Voter Turnout

By N. C. ANDERSON  
When all the "smoke" has settled from the recent wheat referendum, we predict that Morrow county will have the highest percentage of votes of any important wheat producing county in the nation. With a 91.96 yes vote our county leads all counties in the state by several percent. Whether this is a distinguished position for us to be in depends upon who you talk to.

It indicates to me that farmers in Morrow county were willing to give the new program a try in an attempt to solve our wheat problem. Talking with John Welbes, Oregon Wheat Growers League, a few days ago, it was interesting to note that the Columbia Basin wheat counties that produce 73% of the total wheat for the state of Oregon carried with a 74% yes vote. Evidently the strictly wheat growers were quite interested in seeing the program tried.

It is interesting to look back on the grain management study made in Morrow county in 1959 and compare costs of the various operators. At that time, of the eight operators participating in the study, 87c per bushel was the lowest cost and \$1.45 per bushel was the highest. It was interesting to note that the high cost was associated with a 31 bushel yield. One operator had a 96c cost with a 41 bushel yield. We must realize that cost of production definitely is tied to per acre yield. We also know that the cost of farming has risen since 1959 and that it will take some pretty good size yields to offset the difference of \$2.00 wheat compared to whatever the market might be with the program that is now in effect.

It is discouraging to read newspaper articles that indicate that the lid is off as far as wheat production is concerned and that there will be no allotments or penalties. For those who take the bother to check they will find that we have the same restrictions as always with merely a lower support price. Those who do exceed their allotments will do so at the expense of penalizing their acreage allotment by approximately 8% each year they are not in compliance. We don't wish to appear pesimistic, but there is bound to be some "tightening of the belt" in major wheat income counties such as Morrow. This is just plain economics.

**Applications Due Now For Coddling Moth Control**  
For those home owners who have experienced "wormy" apples in their home fruit planting, now is the time to make the first application for coddling moth control. The coddling moth is the mature apple worm. Word was received this week that the moth had emerged and spraying should be done within the next few days after this is read. Use 1 lb. of 50% wettable DDT to each 50 gallons of spray. Smaller amounts can be mixed proportionately depending on the number of trees to be sprayed. It will take about 10 gallons of spray to cover a mature standard apple tree, 1/2 this amount for a mature dwarf tree will do an excellent job. Follow-up sprays need to be made at 3 week intervals for complete control.

**New Building Plans Available for Two Needs**  
Recently announced are two new plans available through the

OSU plan service. One is for a convenient low cost storage and feeding shed that can be erected quickly and easily. Of pole frame construction, the storage barn is made in 12 ft. bays with a 26 ft. clear span and cantilevered sheds 10 ft. wide on each side. Clearance may be raised if increased hay storages desired. Feed mangers 2 ft. 6 inches wide are located on the supporting posts outside the center span. The plan is referred to as USDA Cooperative Farm Building Plan Number 5935.

Another one designed by the U. S. Department of Agriculture is for a vacation cabin for the mountain. It is of plain construction 24 ft. square and easily expandable to 3 bedrooms. The exterior walls can be constructed and inside finished or added at your convenience. The cabin may also be used as a low cost living quarters while a family constructs a permanent home. This is plan number 5928. There is a service charge for each of these. If you are interested we can order them from the office.

**Precipitation is Forecast To Aid June Crop Needs**

Everyone has been happy with the warm, dry weather during the past two weeks, which has enabled them to get ahead of cheatgrass and other weeds in their summer fallow, to some extent at least. But if the 30-day weather outlook is to be accurate we can expect quite a little rain some time between now and June 15. The 30-day period outlook for mid-May to mid-June is for above normal precipitation for all of Oregon and normal temperatures for Eastern Oregon. I'm sure everyone will be agreeable to a good rain in mid-June which should do a lot to insure us of a bumper grain yield now in prospect.

**Alfalfa Seedings Compared After 10 Year Period**

Last week Dillard Gates, who replaced E. R. Jackman as OSU extension range management specialist and I spent 2 1/2 days checking pasture and range seedings and consulting with several ranchers on range improvement practices. It was interesting to check many of the grazing alfalfa seedings that are now 10 years old. Some important comparisons can be made. We found the alfalfa is doing much better than the grass in all cases where something had not happened to kill it out. At the old Paul Webb ranch now owned by George Rugg, we found practically all of the Ranger and Ladik alfalfa gone from this 1953 seedings. On the other hand Rhisoma and Nomad were doing exceptionally well in spite of the heavy mouse damage of four years ago. These varieties that grow with underground spreading roots are not subject to crown damage such as our common alfalfas. This same principal holds true with gopher damage and heavy grazing. It was good to see a heavy stand of Sevelra, Nomad, Ladik and Ranger at the Lindsay ranch, in Sandhollow where rainfall is quite low. These seedings border the desert land and while they have had some heavy use over the years, a good moisture year like this one really makes this seeding look good. It is worth anyone's time who doubts what alfalfa will do in that area to take a look at this seeding. The Lindsays have done a

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good job in improving this desert range and without a doubt seeded more range several years ago than any other operator in this area. Larry and his mother are continuing with rabbit and sagebrush spraying and are improving much of the native grass in the area.

We saw so many good range improvements that it is impossible to discuss all of them at this time. Our conclusion was that these seedings have definitely improved the range forage for those who have gone to the expense of doing so.

**Dr. W. H. Wolf left Saturday** by plane for Sheboygan, Wisc., to attend the funeral of his father, Ira F. Wolf, who passed away recently.

**Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Batty** and daughter visited in Walla Walla, Wn., Saturday.

## Beef Council Sets Public Hearing

The Oregon Beef Council will hold a public hearing on its proposed 1963-64 Beef Council budget on Wednesday, June 5, 10:00 a.m., at the Beef Council offices, Imperial Hotel, Portland, according to Richard Westerberg, chairman.

The budget committee of the Beef Council, which consisted of E. E. Davis, Baker, chairman, Richard Rathbun, Joseph, and Leland Jacobsmuhlen, Cornelius, has previously consulted with all segments of the beef industry in determining the budget which will go into effect July 1, 1963. Copies of the proposed budget have been sent to all county extension agents and are available to any producer or others interested in the beef industry upon request.

## Junior Livestock Show Scheduled To Start June 6

After 16 years of Sunday through Wednesday show days, the Junior Livestock show of the Oregon Wheat Growers League at The Dalles will be conducted this year during the end of the week, opening Thursday, June 6, and closing Saturday, June 8, with auction sales of grain-fed livestock. Livestock will be received in the pens Wednesday, June 5.

Auction sales of lambs and hogs will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, and of steers at 7 p.m. at the auction yards in the Seuffert Buildings at Wasco County Park opposite The Dalles Dam. A sizeable increase in exhibitors and grain-fed steers, lambs and hogs both in the 4-H and FFA divisions is expected for the 17th annual show on the basis of early estimates by exhibitors, the show's general manager, Elmer Lierman, said.

## Stitchettes Meet

Golden Stitchettes 4-H club met at the 4-H extension office on May 17 to discuss our main articles. Members present were Kay Daggett, Charlene Knox, Teresa Harshman and Frances Abrams. We decided when our following meetings were to be held and discussed having a party at the Harshman home. Kay Daggett, Asst. news reporter

Mrs. Monte Carnes and daughter, Marci, La Grande, visited here last week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Cornett Green.

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