

United Front on Wheat Plan Urged by Sen. George McGovern

By N. C. ANDERSON

Many comments have been heard by wheat growers attending the annual meeting of the Oregon Wheat Growers League on comments of Senator George McGovern, administrative assistant, who gave a talk entitled, "Wheat's Eleventh Hour," at the annual meeting. Senator McGovern is the sponsor of a voluntary wheat certificate bill that many wheat organizations as well as the National Grange and others have endorsed.

The speaker, in a preview of the importance of wheat in the history of mankind, pointed out that "wheat today remains so important to the existence of nations that many protect and subsidize its production. The nations of the European Economic Community have this month received recommendations from a special task force proposing protection of wheat production within the EEC community at approximately \$100 a ton or nearly \$3 per bushel. This is an approximate average of the price support levels now maintained by the individual countries. Wheat has been throughout history a major item in world trade."

He went on to point out "that history may well record that as late as the 1960's a good wheat producer was as important to the nation as an astronaut."

It was an admitted blessing in the World War II period of the '40's and congress overwhelmingly support 90% parity price supports. The parity index itself rose to 121.

"This changed after the Korean war and throughout the past decade, farm legislation including wheat programs, has consistently passed or failed in the House of Representatives by the legislative trade calls 'Cliff Hanger' votes—a margin of 2 or 3 votes out of 437 in the House."

A part of the decline in the number of farmers themselves and of their political importance in the nation. Farmers and their families are now only 8% of total population and their political significance has dwindled even faster than their positions in the census standings. Members of congress from primarily agricultural congressional district or states, once a majority of all congress, are now a minority, and fast declining.

"The day is long since past when farm district congressmen can enact farm bills. It takes a combination of votes from the farm districts—and what is generally regarded as liberal."

As the author of the voluntary wheat certificate plan, Senator McGovern has said "I will join with others on any good proposal in the interest of solidarity and a common front. There isn't going to be a McGovern Wheat Plan or a Humphrey Wheat Plan nor a Quie Plan, nor an extension of the 1963 program, nor any other wheat plan except 50% of parity price support unless there develops within the next few weeks strong, unified support from the wheat producers of the nation and their organizations that is heard loud and clear in Washington, D. C."

"There has not been for the present time any real demand from the wheat country loud enough to be heard clearly in Washington for legislation effective on the wheat crop in 1964."

The speaker pointed out that S-1946, embodying the voluntary wheat certificate plan, is a rather technical document repealing sections of the Food and Agricultural Act of 1962, which imposed a penalty on marketing of wheat on acreage in excess of allotment and farm acreage allotments for wheat could be established by the Secretary of Agriculture when wheat supply is excessive.

"It makes no change in the manner in which the nation markets wheat—the domestic and export requirements, less a share of the market for liquidation of Commodity Credit Corporation surplus stocks—would be established."

It makes no change in the authorized price support level of 60 to 90% of parity, to be fixed within that range by the Secretary of Agriculture.

It makes no change in the provision of small farm acreage allotments. It makes no change in the wheat feed grain substitution provisions in the 1962 Food and Agriculture Act. It makes no change in the marketing certificate provisions of the 1962 act, except to state that individual producers must comply with the wheat acreage allotments and conservation acreage requirement established for their farm to qualify for their pro-rata share of the wheat marketing certificates. The bill removes the penalty for marketing wheat grown on acreage in excess of the farm allotment. It does not remove the Anfusio amendment of the basic agricultural law. As written, producers who elect to go all out in wheat production for the feed market, complicating both the wheat and feed supply situations, would lose a part of their wheat acreage history under the Anfusio provision. The bill provides for payments determined by the Secretary of Agriculture for diversion of land from wheat.

Estimates from nine different alternative programs indicate that if no wheat legislation is enacted for the 1964 crop, that the season average price of wheat will run around \$1.25 per bushel, and from wheat will run \$1.75 million. They indicate that under the voluntary certificate plan, income from wheat will be \$1.30 per bushel from the market and 70¢ per bushel from certificates on food and export requirements for a total wheat income of \$2.488 million—nearly 3/4 billion dollars better than the "No" vote consequences.

"Unless some new and better proposal comes along, this certificate plan is the most clearly advantageous plan in terms of income, cost and surplus reduction," the speaker said.

The Oregon Wheat Growers' League went on record favoring this type of wheat legislation and to actively initiate a letter writing campaign among wheat growers asking them to make their wishes known to their congressmen. The public relations committee, of which Walter Jacobs, Ione, is chairman, has the responsibility of working with this project in early 1964.

The members of the Ione Garden club and the City of Ione were given recognition in the December-January, issue of the Oregon Newsletter published by the Oregon State Federation of Garden Clubs.

The recognition came for the Ione Community Improvement Project. This project encompassed the removal of over 100 old trees from the city park and streets, replacing them with a like number. Before the project was undertaken, study was made for the necessary care of existing trees, the planting and care of new trees and the type of trees suitable to the climate and conditions.

The report went on to state that the project was made possible through the Community Improvement Award sponsored by Sears and Roebuck Company as well as local contributions, both money and labor. Mrs. H. A. Rowley, community improvement chairman for the State Federation of Garden Clubs, said "this project is an excellent example of rehabilitation and conservation of a community and cooperation."

Workshop Has Good Attendance

With an average attendance of 40 ranchers, both men and women, the first two days of the Farm Management Workshop were completed on December 10 and 11. With the excellent turnout came a lot of interest and discussion in the subjects of tax management, tax accounting, decision making and economic principles, as well as methods for improving farm accounts. Actual examples were given participants to work out which resulted in much discussion in farm management subject matter.

Bergstrom Gets Herd Sire

Gerald Bergstrom, young Eightmile registered polled Hereford breeder, is proud of a new herd sire that he purchased last week at the Oregon Polled Hereford Association Sale held in Portland. The yearling polled Hereford, Eleet, Island City, He is a deep set type bull which should pass on some good conformation and quality to his offspring.

Agriculture Areas Compared

Had a nice visit with Dennis Swanson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Gar Swanson, at home on leave for the holidays from his Air Force base in North Carolina. Denny, like all farm reared boys, is still very much interested in agriculture and stopped by to visit about some of the present practices. He was especially interested in how safflower had done this year. I, in turn, got a lot of information from Dennis on tobacco production, the main type of agriculture in the area where he is stationed in North Carolina. He had been following this quite closely and it was interesting to find out first hand the cultural practices of this southern crop.

Word received today (Monday)

FARM NEWS

Wheat Study Team Takes Month Tour

An official United States wheat-study team left recently for a one month tour of the Southwest Pacific, it was announced by Western Wheat Associates.

The purpose of the survey is to study Australian white wheat production and marketing patterns and to assess future Australian competition with Pacific Northwest white wheats in the world market.

Area residents participating in the study include Dr. Orville Vogel, Department of Agriculture plant breeder attached to Washington State University, and Ralph McEwen, Oregon Wheat Commission administrator. Dr. Vogel is recognized as the developer of the new high-yield Gaines variety of western wheat.

Other team members include Clancy Jean, former Washington, D. C. representative of Western Wheat Associates now with the Foreign Agricultural Service in Washington, and Dr. William Colwell, vice president of the Nebraska Wheat Growers Association.

Following its tour of Australia, the team will visit Hong Kong and Western Wheat Associates' offices in Manila and Tokyo before returning home on December 21. The study trip is sponsored by the Portland-headquartered growers' organization.

Rhea Creek 4-H Club Has Christmas Party

The third meeting of the Rhea Creek Livestock 4-H club was called to order by Bob Harris, president, before a potluck dinner was served at the Rhea Creek Grange hall. We got our judging cards back from the last judging day.

After the meeting we were served a potluck dinner prepared by our mothers. We then exchanged gifts and played games.

Our special guests were Miss Esther Kirmis and Mr. and Mrs. Nels Anderson and family. John Harris, reporter

Sewing Club Meets

The December meeting of the Heppner Sewettes was opened by news reporter Linda Eckman, in the absence of both our president and vice president. We discussed when we should have our skirts done and decided we would have them finished the week after New Years. The meeting before this we brought our finished slippers and told how we had made them. We went to Penney's to see what kind of material we would get for our skirts. We played some games and had some treats.

Linda Eckman, reporter

Your Home Agent

Family Finances To Get Attention At Jan. Workshop

By ESTHER KIRMIS

We really caught the Christmas spirit when we attended the annual Christmas party of the Rhea Creek Livestock 4-H club held at the Grange hall on December 8. A turkey dinner, gay decorations and an old fashioned gift exchange made you feel mellow and warm. The Wilbur Van Blokland and Gene Hall families were "sparkplugs" of this affair.

Most interesting was the "Sagebrush Christmas" tree that Mrs. Harold Wright had secured for the occasion. At first glance we thought it was juniper, but when you got closer you smelled the familiar sage odor. Wonder what it would look like flocked? Lorraine and Joe Hay attended a similar party given by the Buttercreek club at the Pine City school on December 8.

Farm Management Workshop Gets A Good Support

The count is up to 39 ranchers and 12 rancher wives attending the first two days of the Farm Management workshop at the Heppner Fair Annex. Under the able direction of Manning Becker, OSU farm management specialist, Corvallis, the men and women are learning income tax management, factors in making up your mind (decision making) in farming and improving farm accounts.

The decision making process reminds me of our November women's units lesson on "Twelve Days of Christmas."

The last two days of the workshop, December 17 and 18, are on analyzing farm records, computing efficiency factors, and using farm records to make decisions. (He gave us a few management problems to puzzle over this past week-end.)

Interesting Quotes From Manning Becker

Manning Becker gave three reasons why people can't make more progress or reach their objective in farming.

In business and home environment, the family, partners, landlord-tenant can all make things pretty unbearable if they want to.

Many lack technological knowledge—(we're never too old to learn the new. That's why we're continually offering extension courses to the people).

There are often inadequate resources—(this might be managerial ability, capital or not using what we have to capacity).

How Do You Arrive at A Decision? "Simple," says Manning—

Figure the problem. (Gather facts, and ideas—make observations. People can help you with this).

Analyze all alternatives—(people can help you with this). Make a decision—(this one you must do alone).

Put it into action—(too many people fritter away their life "sitting on the fence.") Then accept responsibility for your actions.

Try this on any problem you face.

Money Management Workshops To Start in County

Alberta Johnston, OSU family finance specialist, will be in the county January 6 on behalf of money management in your family or personal life. She will be kickoff speaker at the North Morrow "Money Management" workshop on January 6 at the old Irizson school, starting at 7:30

Great Decisions Program to Start 10th Anniversary

"Great Decisions" celebrates its tenth anniversary in Portland with a banquet honoring those who initiated this discussion program, and featuring Dr. Samuel P. Hayes, president of the Foreign Policy Association, New York, as guest speaker. Mrs. George N. McBride, president of the Oregon Great Decisions Council, made the announcement today.

Dr. Hayes, as president of the Foreign Policy Association, directs the policies and programs of the 44 year old non profit educational organization which maintains a head office in New York at 345 East 46th Street. Dr. Hayes is an economist and former State Department aide, an early advocate of the Peace Corps and co-author of a booklet on that subject. The activities of the Foreign Policy Association include "Great Decisions," the 8-week discussion of the world's problems which will begin February 9.

In announcing the banquet and honor to be conferred on the "Great Decisions" originators in the Northwest, Mrs. McBride noted that the discussion has grown from a handful of far-sighted Portlanders in 1953 to 61 radio stations, 64 newspapers, 5 television stations, in addition to numerous private groups in Oregon, Washington, Idaho and Montana bringing the total number to thousands discussing the problems in 1964.

Dates and topics are as follows:

February 9—World Communism Today—How Great the Danger?

February 16—France and the West—Will Atlantic Unity Survive?

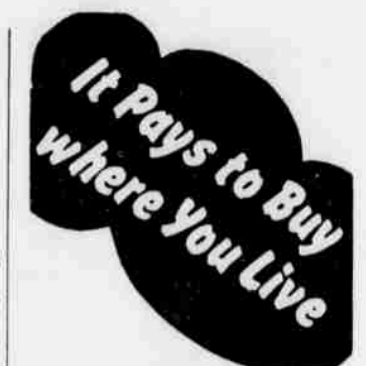
February 23—Egypt and Mid-

p.m. She will speak on "Plan Your Retirement." For the next three succeeding Mondays we will study Life Insurance, Funeral Financing and Wills.

During the day on January 7 she will meet with unit project leaders on "A Will of Your Own" to help me train them for their January lesson.

That evening she will meet with a "Steering Committee" in Heppner to see if interest can be sparked in a Money Management workshop in Heppner.

She'll be one busy specialist!



die East—Prospects for Stability? March 1—Disarmament—Alternative to Balance of Terror? March 8—Castro's Cuba—Challenge to Americas? March 15—Indonesia—Guided or Misguided Democracy? March 22—Foreign Aid—How Long? How Much? For What? March 29—Ideological Warfare—Who's Winning?

In ten years, Great Decisions has won the endorsement of public leaders and educators across the country. Both President Eisenhower and President Kennedy have praised the "Great Decisions" program as helping profoundly to provide an enlightened electorate.

Mrs. Clyde Gideon, vice-president of the Oregon Great Decisions council, is making arrangements for the Tenth Anniversary Banquet which will be held January 11 at the Sheraton Hotel. The dinner is open to the public and reservations may be made by writing Mrs. Gideon at 8700 S. W. White Court, Portland, or in Morrow county, by contacting the county agent's office.

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