

# Anti-Quota Eastern Wheat Farmers Hold Political Key

By OVID A. MARTIN  
WASHINGTON (AP) — Farm leaders said Thursday wheat growers east of the Mississippi River apparently hold the key to a nationwide economic vote with strong implications for next year's congressional elections.

It is the referendum Friday on the question of invoking rigid marketing quotas on the 1954 wheat crop.

Reports received by headquarters of the National Farmers Union and the National Grange indicated that opposition to quotas was fairly strong in Pennsylvania, Ohio, Indiana and Illinois.

The quotas require the approval

of at least two-thirds of the growers voting. Thus a minority of growers could defeat the control program. Its defeat would bring government price supports down from an average of about \$2.20 a bushel to about \$1.22.

Production controls have never been popular among wheat growers, although they have never failed to vote them when the question was submitted.

During the campaign last year, President Eisenhower pledged to minimize federal agricultural controls. Secretary of Agriculture Benson has said farmers want a federal farm program free of government domination. He has promised to seek a better program.

Now crop and carryover circumstances have confronted him with the prospect of controls on one farm product after another. Farm prices—and therefore income—have continued to fall.

Benson predicted Wednesday night at Louisville that farmers will approve the quotas. He added in an interview that he "would be very much surprised" if the growers turn down controls.

The timetable for wheat marketing makes that commodity a special political headache for the administration.

If the growers should reject quotas, accepting the drop in support prices, wheat may be selling at the lowest price in years—in the months just ahead of the 1954 congressional elections.

Benson proposed quotas under terms of farm laws as a means of preventing the accumulation of a larger surplus of wheat. Current supplies are the largest on record and another big crop next year would add to a government problem of what to do with the extra supplies.

Despite reports of strong opposition in the East, farm officials said heavy vote for quotas was expected in the major wheat producing states of the Great Plains.

There, wheat is a major cash crop, and growers are more interested in the level of wheat prices than Eastern States growers, who plant relatively small acreages as a part of crop rotation practices.

No strong campaign has been put on for or against the quotas. Benson has maintained a hands-off attitude, as has the American Farm Bureau Federation.

The National Grange, while expressing dislike for controls, has advised its members to vote for them as a "necessary evil" in the present circumstances. The National Farmers Union has urged its members to vote for the controls.

Farmers last voted in 1942 on wheat controls. Of more than 900,000 eligible to vote then, 392,000 cast ballots, 82.4 per cent for quotas. In a similar referendum the year before the vote for quotas was 81 per cent.

In the 1942 referendum, farmers in five states cast less than a two-thirds vote for controls, the states were New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Ohio and Oklahoma.

The yes and no votes and the percentage voting for quotas, respectively, by states in 1942 included:

Oregon, 5,350 for, 224 against, 96 percent; Washington, 13,625 for, 1556 against 89 per cent



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## Ward Held In Tot's Death

SALEM (AP) — A 17-year-old ward of the Marion County juvenile court is being held for grand jury investigation in connection with the Aug. 4 death of 4-year-old Kenneth Cross of Pratum.

The 4-year-old, also a ward of the court, was first taken to a Salem hospital July 31 after he lapsed into a coma, reportedly from a fall while playing at home. He was placed in an iron lung but died three days later without regaining consciousness.

Kenneth Brown, Marion County district attorney, said the 17-year-old, who was the only one at home during the day, at first told first aidmen and investigating Marion County sheriff's deputies that Kenneth fell on a sand box. Later, Brown said, the older boy changed his story and signed a statement indicating he had mistreated the youngster.

Both the boys were living at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George A. Williams of Pratum, six miles east of here.

## Statehood Meet In Alaska Set

KETCHIKAN, Alaska (AP) — Six United States senators will open here Monday a series of statehood hearings in which pro-statehood forces are expected to emphasize the "little man's" testimony.

The hearings in four major Alaska cities are expected to produce sharp controversy over the statehood issue, with the tenor of the testimony depending on the city.

Reports indicate the general attitude toward the hearings ranges from apparent apathy at the capital city of Juneau to civic enthusiasm at Anchorage, the territory's largest city and military construction boom center.

The anti-statehood group at Juneau is led by a prominent attorney and a few businessmen.

A housewife and two attorneys have sparked a "little men" organization at Anchorage in behalf of statehood.

The idea grew from the comment of Sen. Butler (R-Neb.), chairman of the Senate Interior Committee who will preside at the hearings, that they would be held in Alaska so "little men" who haven't funds to travel to Washington can be heard.

The Anchorage Times, a strong statehood supporter, whose editor, Robert Atwood, is chairman of the Alaska Statehood Committee, reported the city is showing more interest in the issue than ever before—without any indication of opposition.

In Fairbanks, the "little men" move is being promoted primarily by local Democrats.

The statehood issue in the territory has criss-crossed party lines since a territory-wide referendum on statehood in 1946 resulted in a 9,630 vote for and 6,822 against.

SOVIET AWARD  
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## Ike Sets Up Hiring Group

DENVER (AP) — President Eisenhower Thursday created a new government committee to help prevent any hiring and firing discrimination on jobs covered by federal contracts.

At the same time, Eisenhower abolished a somewhat similar committee which former President Truman set up Dec. 5, 1951.

The President signed an executive order at his vacation headquarters establishing a 14-member government contract committee.

The committee, to be named soon, will be made up of representatives of these agencies:

The Atomic Energy Commission, Commerce Department, Department of Defense, Justice Department, General Services Administration, and the Labor Department.

The other eight members will represent the public generally and will be named by Eisenhower. White House Press Secretary James C. Hagerty said there will be some Negroes in the group representing the public.

## Red Inspectors Show Up Mum

INCHON, Korea (AP) — Communist delegates on the four-nations truce inspection team landed here Thursday and answered questions from newsmen with two words—no comment.

Two Czechs and two Poles—one a woman lieutenant colonel—came by helicopter from the Panmunjom neutral zone. Three Swedes and four Swiss made up the rest of the team.

The group will check the flow of men and material through the Seoul-Inchon area.

Under the truce agreement, inspection teams will be stationed at 10 ports of entry—five in the south and five in the north.

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## Amy Pett, 10 & Rooted, Finally Willing To Move

By SAUL PETT  
NEW YORK (AP) — Amy Pett, who is 10 and has roots, has finally changed her mind. She is now willing to move with her family to a larger house.

For months, we had talked about getting larger quarters. As the only male in a three-female, one-bath, room house, I was tired of shoving in the office. There were other reasons, too, but none that persuaded Amy.

All her friends are here she insisted, and besides, the cat wouldn't like it.

She was that adamant until a recent Sunday morning when the wind blew the real estate section over her comics.

"I wanna move!" she yelled.

My wife and I exchanged silent looks of triumph. It was, in its way, a rare tribute to our long, subtle efforts to make the child change her mind without injury to the roots.

The idea was to make her think it was really her decision—not a command.

"I wanna move to this house!" Amy said.

The ad she displayed concerned a house with 49 rolling Connecticut acres overlooking Long Island Sound. It was described as a "gem-like residence of pure Italian Renaissance design" facing two miles of private waterfront.

How blind parents can be! It had never occurred to us that "pure Italian Renaissance" was Amy's favorite period.

The ad said the property included:

1. An outdoor floodlighted theater.
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3. A ballroom with a maple floor balanced on springs.
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"What chopsticks!"

The tone of the interior, the ad said, is reflected by "the lavish use of gold leaf and marble" and "gold fittings and wickerwork inlays in the master bath." The ad continued:

"The main residence has six master bedrooms. Also on the property is a 14 room superintendent's cottage, an additional 5 room cottage, large greenhouse, stone coach house, and an 8 car garage."

This place, Amy observed, had more room for cars than our house now has for people.

"Despite the sumptuous nature of the house and grounds," the ad concluded, "it is possible to maintain the entire property, inside and out, with ten in help."

"If desired, furnishings are available at \$100,000."

So, naturally, I called the agent to find out how much the place cost without the furnishings.

"It has just been reduced," he said. "From one million to \$500,000."

You see, with a little patience, tact and subtlety, you can get a child to agree to anything.

## Congress Pension Plan Appears To Be Everything In, Little Out Set-Up

By JOE HALL  
WASHINGTON (AP) — Remember the "bundles for Congress" which poured in on unhappy senators and

House members after they voted themselves a pension system in 1942?

The indignation was so outspoken that Congress repealed the law just six weeks after it was passed.

But the lawmakers gamely tried again in 1946, enacting another pension plan for themselves as part of a general congressional reorganization in the a Pollett-Monroney Act.

And the 1946 idea has worked so well, Sen. Monroney (D-Okla.) said today, that contributions to it would more than double the retirement benefits paid out.

In seven years of the program's operation, members of Congress have paid 2½ million dollars into their retirement system, while one million has gone out in pension checks.

Monroney said in an interview that there was little doubt the congressional pension plan would not be actuarially sound except for one thing:

"We in Congress usually are extremely reluctant to retire as long as we are physically able to carry on the work."

"So many senators and House members hold on to their seats and continue paying into the retirement fund at a time when most other men are enjoying the pensions they have built up over the years."

He didn't name any names. But a case in point might well be the oldest senator, Theodore Francis Green (D-R.I.), who will be 86 in October.

Green was first elected to the Senate at 69, well past the age when many men have retired. He already had had a long and varied career as a lawyer and business-

man, and had served four years as governor of Rhode Island.

The wiry, slight New Englander shows no signs of slowing down. He often walks several miles to his Capitol Hill offices, and he has traveled all over the world as a top member of the Foreign Relations Committee. Next week he will be a delegate to the United Nations Assembly.

Incidentally, Green reputedly is one of the Senate's millionaires, so a congressional pension would seem to be of academic interest to him.

Monroney emphasized that he and the late Sen. Robert La Follette (R-Wis.) pledged in 1946 to demand bigger contributions if the retirement plan was not self-supporting.

Senate and House members contribute 6 per cent of their salaries—which are \$12,500 a year—into the retirement fund.

They become eligible for benefits only if they serve six years. Benefits are figured at the rate of 2½ per cent for each year of service multiplied by the average annual salary.

Members with service prior to 1946 got credit for those years if they paid into the pension fund a sum comparable to that required for similar credit under the civil service retirement system.

## Father Of Five Gets 10 Years

SALEM (AP) — George A. Hall, father of five children and prominent church worker, was sentenced Wednesday to 10 years in state prison for forgery.

Hall was found guilty in a trial here two weeks ago. The sentence was imposed by Circuit Judge Rex Kimmell.

Hall, an employee of the State Vocational Rehabilitation Department, was charged with bilking beneficiaries of the rehabilitation program by cashing their checks and pocketing the proceeds.

In passing sentence Judge Kimmell said he had no doubt that Hall had been leading a double life.

"If the offense had been made against me personally I could have forgiven the defendant," Judge Kimmell said. "However I am charged with protecting others. It is tragic that others must suffer for the faults of a single individual."

Judge Kimmell suggested that the regulations of the Department of Rehabilitation be tightened if necessary to prevent such cases. Furthermore, the judge said, if slot machines which Hall blamed for his downfall are operating illegally in Oregon, this fact should be brought to the governor's attention.

Hall told the court he was sorry. He asked for a chance to work, make restitution and regain his self respect.

District Attorney Kenneth Brown reported Hall had forged 96 checks since January, 1950, totalling more than \$4,600. He added that Hall had falsified his educational background and that he had been involved in 11 cases of obtaining money by false pretenses.

EXPELLING POSTPONED  
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