

Wheat Referendum To Be Held By Mail Oct. 12-15

A mail referendum on 1971-crop wheat marketing quotas will be conducted Oct. 12-15, Secretary of Agriculture Clifford M. Hardin announced this week.

In the absence of new legislation for the 1971 wheat crop, current law requires that the referendum be held. However, a second Congressional resolution like one initiated July 24, 1970, could result in a further postponement of the referendum. The Congressional action could take place at any time prior to the start of a referendum on October 12.

Individual allotment notices will be mailed to about 1.6 million persons holding an interest in established farm wheat allotments.

Signed ballots need to be mailed or delivered to the county offices by Oct. 15, 1970. Preliminary results of the referendum will be compiled and announced by USDA on or shortly after Oct. 20.

Secretary Hardin announced April 14, 1970, a national wheat marketing quota of 1,210 million bushels and a national allotment of 43.5 million acres. A two-thirds or more "yes"

vote for marketing quotas would bring a domestic marketing certificate, valued at \$1.39 per bushel, the total price support on that portion of the crop then would be \$2.54 per bushel—90 percent of parity as of July 1, 1970. Domestic certificates would be issued subject to penalty.

If the referendum fails to carry, the price-support loan rate would be mandatory at 50 percent of July 1971 parity. This would be \$1.41 per bushel based on current parity. Loans only would be available to producers remaining within their 1971 allotment acreages.

Program details necessary for producer participation in the mail referendum on marketing quotas were announced July 9, 1970, in press release USDA 2093-70. The referendum, originally scheduled for July 27-31, was postponed July 24 by a joint Congressional resolution. The resolution provided that the referendum could be postponed to not later than October 15 or 30 days after Congress adjourned, whichever was earlier.

Fight Litter.

High Draft Lottery No. 1s 173

Scott Gardner, Chairman, and Mrs. Winnifred K. Thompson, Executive Secretary of Local Draft Board 94, announced this week that Random Sequence Number 173 is the highest lottery number reached by the local board so far this year.

They also said that the local board's draft calls for the remainder of 1970 probably can be filled without going beyond number 173, but this will not definitely be known until sometime in November when the local board's induction call for December is received from State Headquarters.

The local board spokesman said that in compliance with the recently announced White House Executive Order, all registrants of Local Board 94 who are in Class I-A or Class I-A-O on December 31, 1970, and who hold a lottery number equal to or lower than the highest number reached by the board during 1970, but who, for any reason, are not issued orders to report for induction prior to December 31, 1970, will be carried over for induction during the first three months of 1971. These registrants will be inducted before the registrants who otherwise would be first eligible for induction in 1971, such as registrants in Class I-A and Class I-A-O who become 19 during 1970 and registrants in Class I-A and Class I-A-O who have reached age 20, but not age 26, whose deferments have expired.

Gardner also stated that the Presidential Executive Order provides that registrants who hold lottery numbers above the highest lottery number reached by Local Board No. 94 during 1970, and who are classified I-A or I-A-O on December 31, 1970, will be placed in a lower draft priority group for 1971.

With respect to those registrants whose vulnerability is extended into the first three months of 1971, they further announced that the local board will attempt to notify each registrant of his vulnerability just as soon as possible.

Gardner also stated the board has not yet had an opportunity to study the complete text of the Presidential Executive Order, or other directives from Selective Service National Headquarters concerning the lottery, but just as soon as the study has been completed, the local board will make every effort to inform the public of the pertinent facts involved.

"We are very anxious," Gardner continued, "to make certain that the policies and directives are correctly interpreted before making any further announcements concerning the policy revisions."

FARMERS SHARE

In 1968, the farmer received 39 cents of the dollar the consumer spent for food produced in the United States, one cent more than in 1967. In the past ten years, the farmer's share ranged from 37 to 40 cents, according to New Holland, the farm equipment division of Sperry Rand.

Service To Be Held At Whitaker's Chapel

Historic Whitaker's Chapel near Enfield will be the scene on Sunday, Oct. 11, of a commemorative service honoring the designation of the chapel as a national shrine to Methodism. Only 15 churches have been so designated and at present there are no plans for choosing any other for such designation.

A worship service will be held at 11 o'clock with picnic dinner on the grounds and a short dedicatory service at 2 p. m.

The church was established as an Anglican chapel in 1740 by the Whitaker family and became affiliated with the Methodist Reform Movement in 1776. It was the site of the organizational meeting of the Methodist Protestant Annual Conference on Dec. 19-20, 1828. Present at this meeting were several descendants of the family who established the original Anglican chapel, along with Exum Lewis and John Francis, maternal forebears of Mrs. Graham Horne (who was married in the chapel) and Mrs. W. B. Hoskins, who are also descendants of the Whitakers, originators of the chapel.

Honored during the day will be the memory of two brothers who served as pastor of the church established by their ancestors, the Rev. Cary H. Whitaker, father, and the Rev. Clifton L. Whitaker, uncle of Mrs. Horne and Mrs. Hoskins. Other descendants of the Whitaker family now living in War-

St. John's To Hold Meeting On Sunday

HENDERSON — The annual meeting of St. John's Church, Williamsboro will be held Sunday, Oct. 11 at 12 noon. The Church of the Holy Innocents, Henderson, will be in charge of the service and their choir will provide the music.

The speaker will be C. F. W. Coker, Administrator of Archives and Records in the North Carolina State Department of Archives and History, Raleigh. Mr. Coker, a former marine corps captain, holds a master's degree from the University of North Carolina in Chapel Hill and has done additional work at Oxford University.

Following the service a basket picnic will be held on the grounds and those attending are asked to bring their own lunch.

After lunch a short business session will be held. The Rev. Robert N. Davis, Henderson, is chairman of the St. John's, Williamsboro Church committee and serving with him are Mr. Richard Wortham, Miss Anne Wortham, Mrs. Leonard Holland, Mrs. A. A. Zollcoffer, Jr., Dr. Joseph A. Boyd, Jr., and Mr. A. G. Borden all of Henderson, and Mrs. E. G. Peoples and Mr. John W. Beck of Oxford, Mrs. James Beckwith of Warrenton and the Rev. John W. S. Davis of Durham.

St. John's Church, originally constructed some 200 years ago, has been restored and was re-consecrated by the Rt. Rev. Edwin A. Penick on September 30, 1956. All interested persons are invited to attend.

ren County are Mrs. Harold Skillman, Mrs. Clarence Skillman, Edward Hunter, George Hunter, Mrs. Jack Scott and Mrs. Spencer Scott.

Fun Festival For Senior Citizens To Be Held At Fair

By MRS. BERTHA B. FORTE H. Eco. Exten. Agent

The Ninth Annual Fun Festival for Senior Citizens will be held at the North Carolina State Fair in Raleigh, Monday, Oct. 19.

The Fun Festival is considered one of the highlights of the State Fair. Many of the oldest Senior Citizens will be recognized individually. There will be contests, such as hog and cow calling, etc., scattered throughout the program to give it the spice that everyone will enjoy.

Since this is the time when the farmer will be recognized at the Fair more than ever, some of the dress and activities will be strictly "farmer-like" which will add richness to the total program.

Prizes will be given for the largest onion, sweet potato, Irish potato, ear of corn, red pepper pod, and the most unusual gourd.

Free admission to the Fairgrounds for the Senior Citizen is accorded by the Fair. The special program will be held in the Arena starting at 11:00 a. m.

Senior Citizens desiring to attend this Ninth Annual Fun Festival at the State Fair and would like to go by chartered bus, should contact Mrs. Bertha B. Forte, Home Economics Extension Agent in the Agricultural Extension Building not later than Monday, October 12. Transportation by bus will be \$2.65 per person. The bus will leave the Agricultural Extension Building, Monday October 19 at 8:15 a. m. and should return by 4:30 p. m.

Housewives Should Report Help's Wages

RALEIGH—Housewives who employ help around the house on a regular basis have two important maling chores to perform before October 31, according to Robert A. Flynn, social security district manager in Raleigh.

These are the mid-summer and the early fall quarterly reports of wages and the social security contributions paid on those wages, he said. The payments—due by the end of July for the months of April, May and June; and by the end of October for July, August and September—cover all house employees who are paid cash wages of \$50 or more by one employer in a calendar quarter.

Contributions are based only on cash wages. Cash or tokens given to the worker for car fare count as wages. But the room and board allowance for a "line-in" domestic employee does not count.

The worker and the employer each contribute 4.8 percent of the worker's wages to social security. In some cases, the employer may choose to pay the entire 9.6 percent contribution himself. But it is the employer, Flynn pointed out, who is responsible under the law for making the reports.

Information about social security for household workers is available from any social security office.

Get Rid Of Trash

"I don't think I have ever seen so much trash on the highway or so many junk cars. But where would we put these things if we cleaned them up?" These questions were raised by Mrs. J. S. Collie, a Franklin County homemaker, after she returned from the Capital Area Development Association meeting.

She discussed the problem with Mrs. Bernice Harris, associate home economics extension agent. And they decided to talk the situation over with others.

A county-wide meeting has been planned to begin work toward the solution of the waste and junk dilemma.

NOT VERY OFTEN

The chance of a big meteorite striking North America—even one only 100 feet across—is calculated by astronomers at no better than once every 50,000 years, the National Geographic Society says.

India's Cobras Have Redeeming Qualities

WASHINGTON—In India the deadly cobra is known as the "Good Snake."

To millions of devout Hindus, the reptile has deep religious significance, primarily as a symbol of fertility. Farmers value the snake, because it exterminates rats which destroy vast quantities of grain and spread disease.

Harry Miller, a cobra expert who keeps a colony of the serpents penned in his backyard in India, offers an unusual profile of the snakes in the September National Geographic.

The cobra is not the vicious killer—imagined by the unin-

formed, says Mr. Miller. "I am convinced," he writes, "that it is often wrongly blamed for fatalities, and that of some 10,000 Indian snake bite deaths a year, many attributed to cobras are caused by other species, particularly vipers."

"These do not move out of your way and are easily stepped on in the dark, whereas cobras sensibly slide away at the first footfall of man. Often the culprit is never seen and the cobra, since it is India's best-known snake, gets the blame."

A cobra's bite is not necessarily fatal. The creature does not always inject venom, and when it does the dose may not be fatal. Symptoms of poisoning appear in only about half the people bitten by poisonous snakes; many often recover with no treatment at all.

Doctors have even prescribed cobra venom to treat arthritis. In some cases a purified and diluted form of the poison relieves severe pain without producing the undesirable side effects of opiates.

Surviving all dangers, a wild cobra can live as long as 20 years, though most have much shorter life spans. Wild pigs and peafowl prey on the creatures. Hunters all over India catch and skin the snakes for tanning. In Madras one tannery alone processes 500 cobra skins a day for handbags and wallets.

Snake charmers also take a heavy toll. Mr. Miller examined hundreds of snakes in baskets. "Not one," he reports, "has been found with its fangs intact, and all of them were suffering from starvation, because the cobra, a most sensitive snake, refuses to take food except under ideal conditions."

The cobra fights predators with its poisonous bite and dis-

tinctive hood. The author speculates that the flattening of the hood (by pulling forward ribs at the side of the neck) may make it hard for an enemy to get a firm grip with its teeth.

The "clown's face" markings on the back of the hood suggest huge, intimidating eyes. "I have often seen cobras turn their back on enemies, prominently displaying these 'eyes,'" says Mr. Miller.

The menacing sight holds little terror for some Indians. For instance, villagers in Shirala in west-central India believe that the god Shiva offered one of their ancient sages a boon. The sage asked for protection of his people for all time against cobras.

The boon was granted, and ever since the people of Shirala have not feared the cobra, emblem of the god himself.

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