Food Stamp Official Explains 'Surplus Foods'

In an effort to clarify a rather common misunderstanding concerning the operation of the Federal Food Stamp Plan, which is scheduled to begin operating Feb. 1, 1940, in Los Angeles county, Buell F. Maben, acting local administrator of the plan, has issued the following statement:

"Many people seem to be under the impression that surplus foods are something distinct and apart from the foods normally carried by their neighborhood grocery store. This, however, is not the case. With reference to the surplus foods which eligible participants may obtain with their surplus-food stamps from their grocers shelves, these are identically the same foods, and are at identically the same prices as if they paid cash. In other words, persons using the food-order stamps at their face value of 25 cents each, may shop from store to store in obtaining the brands of their choice at competitive prices.

"Further, these surplus foods are not handled or distributed to the grocers by the Government. They are among the regular food items normally stocked by the retail food merchant and carried on his shelves for cash customers. They have been purchased by the retailer, usually through his wholesaler, from the farmers, and the Government has nothing to do with this distribution through the normal channels.

Is Wholly Voluntary

"This new plan should not be confused with the former method in operation in Los Angeles county whereby foods were given needy individuals direct from warehouse depots. This direct distribution will be discontinued with the inauguration of the Food Stamp Plan in this area.

"Under the Food Stamp Plan eligible persons comprising more than 300,000 people in Los Angeles County, will have the opportunity of receiving 50 percent more food for their money. Participation in the plan is wholly voluntary. No one has to take part. However, by buying food-order stamps as provided under the plan, and using these in place of cash, they will be able to obtain $1.50 worth of food for each $1 they spend for the stamps.

"Participating grocers and other retail food stores throughout Los Angeles county will accept the food-order stamps exactly the same as cash for the designated purchases. The food stamps they buy will be good for any brands of all foods sold for household consumption, whether in surplus or not. They will not, however, be good for any alcoholic beverages or tobacco products. The surplus-food stamps they will receive free will be good only for the items that are officially designated by the Secretary of Agriculture, and so listed in the participating food stores.

"Therefore, the extra 50 percent of foods these needy persons receive free are surplus foods. In the case of Los Angeles county it is estimated that some $6,000,000 annually in additional volume of surplus foods will move through established food trade channels to needy persons to the direct benefit of the farmers, general business, and public assistance households."

The local SRA store where clients may buy the stamps is located at 1215 El Prado.

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Townsend Club Begins New Term

Vernon F. Glidden was re-installed as president of the Torrance Townsend club and teams were appointed for a three months' membership drive last Thursday night. Other officers installed were: Mrs. Lura Davis, first vice-president; Mrs. Minnie Collier, second vice-president; Sam Nourse, secretary-treasurer; Charles Morford, finance committee; Mrs. Beth Paige, programs; Joe La May, extension; Mack C. Luster, public relations; Mrs. Roberta Bouldin, membership; Mrs. Rena Pruitt, social activities, and Mrs. Ena M. Hazzard, woman's auxiliary.

The club will join the Gardena club in organizing a volunteer "Trail Blazers" squad to form new units in this district. Tonight the club will hear an address by City Attorney John E. McCall on the legal problems of a city government. Will H. Hoover of Los Angeles will give a Townsend talk. The evening's activities will open with a pot-luck dinner at 6 p. m.

Last Sunday afternoon, Mr. and Mrs. Joe La May and Mr. and Mrs. Henry Colburn attended a meeting at the 17th District headquarters.

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CHURCH PLANS SPORT DANCE

Inaugurating monthly young people's dances, members of the Girls' Friendly Society of the Christ Episcopal church of Redondo are sponsoring the first sport dance of the year to be held at 8 o'clock Friday night in the parish hall. The public is invited to attend. A nominal door fee will be charged. In charge of arrangements for the event is Miss Jean Hudson. She will be assisted by her mother, Mrs. A. L. Hudson, the society's branch president. Refreshments, in keeping with the theme of the event, have been planned.

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MINNESOTANS ENTERTAINED

Rev. and Mrs. E. W. Matz and daughter Dorothy entertained Mr. and Mrs. Henry Steckelberg of Wells, Minnesota over the week-end, at their home at 1543 Marcelina avenue. The Steckelbergs are relatives of the Matz family, and are spending the winter touring in California and several other states.

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SPINSTERS HAVE FOUR NEW MEMBERS

At the regular meeting Monday night of the Spinsters, held at the home of Korena Carlin, 716 Acacia avenue, with Jean Sears as co-hostess, four new members were introduced. They were: Daphene Landreth, Jean Burger, Mary Jane Smith and Ruth Barnard. The club now has 20 members.

The Spinsters held a silver tea last Thursday afternoon at the home of Shirley Johnson in Rolling Hills. Assisting the hostess were Betty Jane Rous and Jean Kresse.

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BUSINESS LUNCHES BEGIN FEBRUARY 1

First of a series of monthly noon luncheons to be given by members of the Women's Council of the Methodist church, is scheduled for Thursday afternoon, Feb. 1 in the church parlors. Luncheon tickets may be obtained through Mrs. Evans at the Torrance Gift Shop. They are 35 cents. All business people are invited to attend.

Parent Teacher • Activities

TORRANCE HIGH SCHOOL.. Mrs. A. M. Dowell, publicity chairman, and Mrs. William Jolley, clippings chairman for Gateway Council, attended the publicity conference Wednesday afternoon at the Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce building.

FERN AVENUE was represented at the Friday Morning radio conference in Los Angeles by Mrs. John Garner. Mrs. L. F. Watson attended the publicity conference in Los Angeles Tuesday morning.

The Radio Listening Group met recently at the home of Mrs. J. J. Millard to hear the Tenth District program, "A New World for the Child." They also discussed plans for the coming Fern Avenue P. T. A. Carnival. Present, in addition to the hostess, were Mesdames John Garner, A. C. Turner, Grace Schroeder, Mark McIlvaine, Irene Davis, L. F. Watson, Roy Meyers, John Hooper.

TORRANCE ELEMENTARY school will hold its final Home Nursing class from 9 to 11:30 o'clock next Tuesday morning in Room 6 of the school, at which time reports will be reviewed, work credited and Red Cross Home Nursing certificates awarded to persons who have attended the sessions with any degree of regularity. Closing the session Mrs. Hilda Silence will also speak on "Liquid Diet;" Mrs. M. S. Thorington, "Soft Diet;" Mrs. Charlotte Seaborn, "Temperature, Pulse and Respiration;" Mrs. Maxine Fetherolf, "Enemas;" Mrs. Selma Depasse, "The Duties of the Attendant," Mrs. Betty Turner, "The Care of the Patient During a Communicable Disease," and Mrs. M. J. Edwards, "Care of Room After a Contagious Disease." Next lesson series will be devoted to study groups on "First Aid." The classes are open to all interested persons without charge.

The forthcoming poster contest in March was discussed by Mrs. Carl L. Jelm, art chairman, at the Cultural Education Conference last Friday. Art students from the higher grades are invited to participate.

High point of discussion at Tuesday's meeting was the awarding of life memberships. Final plans for the paper drive, to end Jan. 30, were also laid before the group.

Program for the afternoon was presented by children of Miss E. E. Smith's home room. They gave a playlet on thrift entitled "The Old Clock's Dream." Stage properties and costumes were made by young Thespians.

Mrs. I. C. Rous issued an open invitation to all parents of students who will begin the February term as seventh graders, to visit any or all of the High School P. T. A. sessions.

Principal Leonard Dykes outlined plans for the new year to include a full-time music teacher and enlargement of the school's cafeteria facilities. Mrs. John Garner, Lomita-San Pedro Council Radio and Motion picture chairman, then spoke briefly on "The Importance of Supervising Children's Radio Listening and Theater Attendance."

Business-of-the-day also included passage of a resolution favoring the granting of a franchise to the Asbury Rapid Transit System. Program included, in addition to the showing of two motion pictures, music by Mrs. Nadine Farrar. Accompanist was Mrs. Edna Babcock. Tea was served by mothers of students in Room 18. Chairmen of the day in charge of arrangements were Mrs. V. C. Viellenave and Mrs. M. R. Gallimore.

Attending the Lomita-San Pedro Council session at Seventh Street School in San Pedro this morning were Mrs. M. R. Gallimors, Mrs. Rufus Page, Mrs. H. P. Smith and Mrs. H. R. Lee, president.

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Dorothy McMillan Feted At Unique Bathroom Shower

"Blue Orchids" might well have been the theme of one of this season's loveliest prenuptial fetes—only the orchids weren't blue! However, Mrs. Ray Casey of Los Angeles did use beautiful potted orchids in her living room Saturday afternoon when she entertained at a combined bridge luncheon and bathroom shower for Dorothy McMillan, popular bride-elect, whose marriage to George Thomas Edwards will be Saturday, April 6.

New and different was the novel presentation method employed by the hostess of the rose dust and light blue shower gifts presented to the honoree, using as she did a burlesque arm bouquet of fern leaves and vari-colored balloon "blooms." Inside each "bloom," which Miss McMillan was instructed to puncture, was the poetic clue to her hidden gifts. Attractive arrangements of sparkling crystal appointments, pink camellias and harmonizing tapers lent a note of charm to the buffet luncheon table.

Prizes for high-score bridge tallies went to Mrs. Sam Levy and Mrs. Richard Smith. Mrs. Wallace Post and Miss McMillon won consolation prizes. Invited to the event, in addition to Mrs. Levy, Mrs. Smith and Mrs. Post, were Mesdames Mildred Lancaster, Harold Appenzellar, George Peckham, Grover Whyte, John McMillan, Joe Klink and Margaret Mills; Warren McMillan, Jr., and Mayme Ebbert of Los Angeles, Hayes Hertford of Riverside and James McCaghren of Glendale.

Continuing the round of shower events, Miss Jean Smith will issue invitations for Valentine's night when she will compliment Miss McMillan at a gay kitchen shower.

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MISSIONARY SOCIETY TO MEET THURSDAY

Members of the Ladies' Missionary Society of the First Lutheran church will meet at 2 o'clock Thursday afternoon, Feb. 1, in the church parlors.

Girls Honor Mo[thers] and Theatre Fet[e]

Camera! Places! Ligh[ts!] "shot" of the gayest and [most] event of the Girls Athletic [Club] school. The event, the ann[ual ban]quet, was held Tuesday nig[ht].

CALENDAR

• of WEEKLY COMMUNITY EVENTS

TONIGHT, JAN. 25
6:30 p. m.—Rotary Club at Legion Hall.
7:30 p. m.—Boy Scout Troop No. 219.
7:30 p. m.—Townsend Club at Moose Hall.
7:45 p. m.—Knights of Pythias at Redondo Beach.
8:00 p. m.—Open Installation, Order of De Molay, Masonic Temple.

FRIDAY, JAN. 26
2:30 p. m.—Mothers' Educational Center at Woman's Club.
8:00 p. m.—Women of Moose at Moose Hall.
8:00 p. m.—Masons at Masonic Temple.
7:30 p. m.—Friday Morning Club theatre party.

SUNDAY, JAN. 28
Services in all churches.

MONDAY, JAN. 29
6:30 p. m.—Kiwanis Club at Daniels Cafe.

TUESDAY, JAN. 30
7:30 p. m.—Boy Scout Troop No. 211.

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 31
10:00 a. m.—Women of the Moose, Homemaking Committee.
7:30 p. m.—20-30 Club at Daniels Cafe.
7:30 p. m.—Boy Scout Troop No. 218.

THURSDAY, FEB. 1
11:00 a. m.—Christian Church Missionary Society and Council.
1:30 p. m.—Lutheran Ladies Aid.
2:00 p. m.—C. E. Missionary Society.
2:00 p. m.—Episcopal Woman's Auxiliary.
3:00 p. m.—Girl Scout Troop No. 2 at Scout Hall.

METHODIST DINNER PROGRAM SCHEDULED

The leaders of the Methodist church are planning another popular priced ham dinner on Tuesday, Jan. 30, in the church. Serving will begin at 5:30.

The committee has arranged with William Bone, a well known employee of the Pacific Electric Shops, to show several reels of his colored travelogue series of moving pictures. They will include views of New Orleans, points in Missouri, the 1939 Rose Bowl Parade and other interesting views.

The tickets will be distributed to various shops and neighborhoods by Mrs. Flora Wright and Dan Bryant.

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25 ENJOY MUSIC LIT. CLUB MEET

Twenty-five members of the Music and Literature section of the Torrance Woman's Club met Wednesday morning at the home of Mrs. H. F. Shultz, 1916 Arlington. Special speaker was Mrs. Alta Anderson who reviewed achievements of the Federated Women's clubs in the Los Angeles district. Dorothy Jamieson gave a short book review, and Lorene Ulrich, accompanied by Tom Ulrich, sang a group of solos. Following the session, the group adjourned to the clubhouse where a potluck luncheon was served.

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