

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, Bill E. Mahen, 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 obtained 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 grocery stores, these are identical to the same foods, and are at identical 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 regu-

lar 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 Boudin, membership; Mrs. Rena Pruitt, social activities, and Mrs. Edna M. Hazzard, woman's auxiliary.

The club will join the Gardens 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 potluck 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.

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.

MINNESOTANS ENTERTAINED

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

SPINSTERS HAVE FOUR NEW MEMBERS

At the regular meeting Monday night of the Spinsters, held at the home of Korena Carlin, 718 Acacia avenue, with Jean Sears as co-hostess, four new members were introduced. They were: Daphne 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.

BUSINESS LUNCHEONS 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.

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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 Melville, 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. Thornton, "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 the story "The Old Clock's Dream." Stage properties and costumes were made by young Thespians.

Mrs. L. 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

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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 varicolored balloons "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 McMillan won consolation prizes. Invited to the event, in addition to Mrs. Levy, Mrs. Smith and Mrs. Post, were Mesdames Mildred Lancaster, Harold Appenzeller, George Peckham, Grover Whyte, John McMillan, Joe Klink and Margaret Mills; Warren McMillan, Jr., and Mayme Ebert of Los Angeles, Hayes Herford of Riverside and James McCarthen 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.

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.

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. Gallimore, Mrs. Rufus Page, Mrs. H. P. Smith and Mrs. H. R. Lee, president.

Girls Honor Mothers at Banquet and Theatre Fete Tuesday Night

Camera! Places! Lights! Let 'er go for that social "shot" of the gayest and most festive semi-annual social event of the Girls Athletic Association of Torrance high school. The event, the annual Mother and Daughter banquet, was held Tuesday night in the heart of Hollywood as

an appropriate setting for the dinner theme, "Going Hollywood." In keeping with the spirit of the occasion, more than 65 guests enjoyed a typical Italian dinner at a popular film restaurant followed by a theatre party.

In charge of arrangements for the dinner fete was Miss Muriel Duncan, athletic director for the high school. Absent guest of honor was Principal Thomas H. Elson who received a large bouquet just as the young women were being seated for dinner. The gesture was one of friendliness and good will on the part of student members of the association.

Following dinner, Arlyss Fossum was installed 1940 G. A. A. president. Retiring president was Norrine Schroeder. Awards were then presented to association members who had made six first teams in six different sports during the past three years. Especially honored was Elsa Norman who received a two-star letter for special recognition of her outstanding work on the school's volleyball and basketball teams.

Letters were also awarded Lois Jayne Allen, Rudella Bays, Arlyss Fossum, Dorothy Hamman, Jeanne Howe, Norrine Schroeder, Agnes Sopchinsky, Thelma Wright and Lorraine Redabow.

Following the address of welcome by Miss Schroeder, the dinner program continued with an appropriate original poem by Miss Schroeder and Audrey Stanley entitled, "To Mother." A vocal solo by Harriett Pegors accompanied by Virginia Hall, a "Tribute to Principal Elson" by Miss Redabow, a group of musical selections by Maxine Clark, greeting from the mothers by Mrs. L. C. Rous, and a humorous skit, "The Wits (None of them whole)" concluded the program.

Fathers of association members will be honored in May at the regular spring social of the association.

MARGUERITE McLEAN NEW CLUB PRESIDENT

Mrs. Doris Watson opened her home at 1225 1/2 Cota avenue recently for the regular semi-monthly meeting of the Penny Anns when Mrs. Marguerite McLean was chosen new 1940 president. Mrs. Watson was the retiring president. High honors in 500 went to Mrs. Rose Mary Pryor, guest member.

Members enjoying the event included Mesdames Mickey Twyman and Maxine Willets, of Redondo Beach, Martha Colburn, Mildred Tidland, Marguerite McLean, George Tappin. Guests were Mrs. Pat August, Mrs. Lulla Bell Sevens and Mrs. Mabel Everett.

CHILDREN ENJOY BIRTHDAY PARTY

Jimmy Gene Murphy was six years old Monday, and the recipient of a jolly birthday party given by his mother, Mrs. D. A. Murphy at their home, 2567 Sonoma avenue. Games and refreshments were enjoyed.

Invited to the party were Margaret Anne Vonderahe, Jessie Lou Quigley, Beverly Hopkins, Sue Collier, Anne Marie Bishop, Barbara Lou Kelley, Nancy and Melisse Strasser, Patricia Lamping, Mary Beth Beech and Janet Lewellen.

Joe O'Toole, Donald Mitchell, Jerry Harder, Robert Jensen, David Vonderahe, Rudolph Bowen, Jimmy Babbitt, Jimmie Burchett, Russell McManus and Billy Pat Murphy, brother of the young guest of honor, concluded the list.

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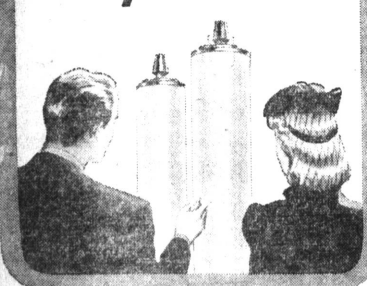


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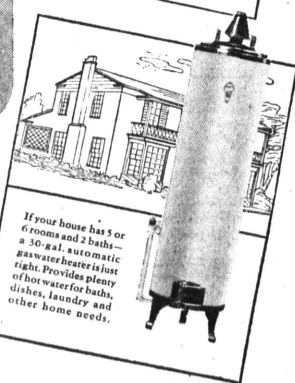
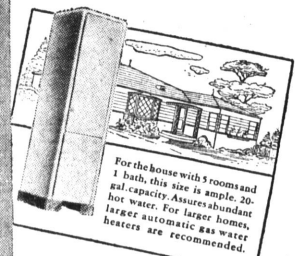


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