

Food Stamp Plan Will Start Here About May First

Food Stamps, when the U. S. Department of Agriculture's plan is extended to Valley county the first of May will be handled on a mail order basis according to an announcement made today by Albert Lee, Commissioner of Public Assistance and Donald A. Fareed, District Supervisor of the Surplus Marketing Administration.

All families receiving public assistance will be eligible to purchase food stamps after they have been declared eligible by their county welfare supervisor. Records already in the offices of the welfare departments permit making up the list of eligibles without requiring a personal interview.

"Upon completion of the list of eligibles," declared Lee, "detailed information will be sent each family. How the plan operates, what needs to be done to buy food stamps by mail—all this will be carefully explained."

Purpose of the plan is to move over-abundant crops into the homes of underconsuming families. For every dollars' worth of orange colored food stamps, good for any and all foods for human consumption, stamp plan participants receive fifty cents free in the form of blue surplus food stamps. The blue stamps are good only to purchase those foods which are designated as "in surplus" by the Secretary of Agriculture.

Stamps are used in the same manner as cash at any food store which wishes to accept stamps. Such stores must be approved by the Surplus Marketing Administration which redeems the stamps for payment to the retailer by the U. S. Treasury. It is found that most retailers turn their stamps over to wholesalers as payments on account.

The inauguration of the Food Stamp Plan eliminates direct distribution of sunplus commodities through depots and by truck.

On the surplus food list at the present time are: Butter, raisins, pork, pork lard, corn meal, eggs, Irish potatoes, fresh oranges, apples, carrots and grapefruit, onions (except green chions), dried prunes, hominy grits, dry edible beans, wheat flower and whole wheat (graham flour.)

regaining his financial feet. Our government needs these materials for immediate consumption. Could anything be more fitting than for the government to secure these articles from our own people rather than to go to foreign sources for them?

"The present international emergency has not mitigated the emergency at home. On the contrary, it has intensified it. I do not believe it is wise for us to become so absorbed in international affairs as to forget the emergencies which exist at home. As long as American producers can supply our needs they should be given the preference."

Huge quantities of clothing and blankets, and meat and various food products will be bought by the army from the appropriations contained in the bill. The proposed amendment was rejected by a vote of 34 nays to 29 ayes.

On the following day a new amendment was offered, giving preference to domestically produced articles of food and clothing as long as such articles can be "produced of satisfactory quality and in sufficient quantites and at reasonable prices." Western senators agreed to this amendment and it was adopted.

Community Methodist Church

P. C. Bent, Pastor

"A Welcome To All Always"
Sunday School at 10 o'clock.
Public Worship at 11:00.
Young People's League, Su

Young People's League, Sunday evening at 7 o'clock, Sunday evening Service at 8:00.

Mid-Week Service at 8:00 Tuesday

The choir rehearsal will be on Saturday of this week.

Easter Sunday was a high point in many respects for the Community Church. The rare experience of having a crowded church, was the experience last Sunday. An attendance of 154 in the Sunday School also broke a three-year record.

The Sunrise service and Easter breakfast was also well attended by the young people, and the evening services conducted by the students of Northwest Nazarene College, brought to a close what appeared "the end of a perfect day." All who attended last Sunday are invited and urged to keep the high mark reached on Easter Sunday.

The new Bible and pulpit cloth, and the illuminated cross, that were presented by the friends of the church are much appreciated.

A thought for the day: "It is not so much what you say that matters, as how you say it." William Lyon Jeon J. C. Stan

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