

Judges Named
Judges for the Miss Roseburg Pageant are scheduled to arrive Saturday morning. Also here for the pageant will be a former Miss Roseburg. See page 3.

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Surplus Food Distribution To Start In County Monday

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Distribution of food commodities under the new Douglas County Abundant Food Program will commence Monday, it was announced today by Judge V. T. Jackson of the Douglas County Court and Gary Loomas, Douglas County Welfare Department administrator.

Loomas said welfare recipients will receive by mail identification cards and notification of the date that they may visit the center and receive their first monthly allotment of food.

C. E. Reece is in charge of the program and will operate the food center at Roseburg.

(Low income families who are not on the welfare rolls but are interested in receiving the foods will not be served initially. Later, probably about June 10, applications will be invited from persons in this category.)

Operation Planned
Reece said the food distribution center—the former John Deere implement firm building at 2660 NE Stephens—will operate Monday through Thursday.

Recipients will be served under an alphabetical system during the introductory month of the program. Those with last names ending in letters A through G may receive the commodities May 20 through May 23; H through N, May 27-30; and O through Z, June 3-6.

Hours of the center are 9 a.m. to 12 noon and 1 to 4 p.m. It will be closed on Fridays for record keeping activities and restocking.

Reece said 126,930 pounds of food—representing a two-month supply—arrived in Roseburg Thursday and has been placed in storage.

Response Expected
Loomas estimated that from 750 to 800 welfare families will participate in the program. The same approximate response is expected in the non-welfare, low income category.

Recipients are advised that they may designate a "permanent proxy" to represent them at visits to the center. The proxy may pick up the food stuffs in the event illness or other problems makes it impossible for the recipients to make the visit personally. Name of the proxy must be introduced at time of the initial certification.

Recipients are further advised that they must bring their own containers for conveying the commodities, as the center will not be able to provide boxes nor sacks.

Value Noted
Recipients are entitled to take their full allowance at each monthly visit, but are encouraged to take only the items they want and intend to use. The monthly amount of food available to a recipient represents a wholesale value of about \$5.

The food will be distributed to welfare households under a unit formula. As an example, a family of five for one month would be entitled to these amounts of foods: Two 2-pound packages of dry beans, five pounds of butter, two 5-pound packages of corn meal, two 10-pound packages of all-purpose flour, four pounds of lard, one 4 1/2-pound package of dried milk, one 2-pound can of peanut butter, two 2-pound packages of rice, one 3-pound package of rolled wheat, five 3-ounce cans of meat and one 5-pound loaf of cheese.

Reece said Oregon State University home-making division pamphlets will be distributed along with the foods to assist the recipients in preparing the food to best advantage.

Truck Trip Planned
Initially, all county recipients will be required to pick up the commodities at the Roseburg center. Sometime in the future, however, it is planned to send a truck to Reedsport to more conveniently serve the participants in that area. The first such trip to Reedsport is tentatively scheduled June 27.

Welfare recipients in the Reedsport area who received identification cards and a report date may come to the center or wait until the truck arrives in that community, Reece advised.

A monthly visit to the Glendale area is also under consideration.

Notice will be published at a later date concerning the details of the program for low income, non-welfare families. Tentative starting date is June 10. Loomas said it is probable the same alphabetical procedure will be used in handling these recipients.

All Not Eligible
The welfare administrator explained that not all welfare recipients are eligible. The commodities will be given only to those individuals who have their own private cooking facilities. This would exclude persons who stay in sleeping quarters, boarding houses, nursing homes, hotel rooms, or who eat their meals in restaurants.

Food for this program is supplied by the federal government. The state pays 70 per cent of the distribution costs and Douglas County handles the other 30 per cent. A majority of counties in Oregon now participates in the program.

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