

Food Subsidies For Homes Backed

WASHINGTON, Jan. 7.—(AP)—The war food administration has given surprise endorsement to legislation that would set up a government stamp plan to subsidize the grocery bills of low income families.

The plan would provide for distribution of food stamps to families of sub-standard incomes to insure them an adequate, basic diet. The WFA estimated 18,000,000 persons would be eligible and that the program would cost the government a maximum of \$3,000,000,000 yearly.

WFA's approval was set forth in a letter to the senate agriculture committee and plans were announced immediately to open hearings on the bill, probably within a week.

Surprise over WFA's sanction of the stamp plan was occasioned by the fact that the bill, introduced last July by Senators Alben (R-Vt) and LaFollette (Prog-Wis), includes a ban against price control subsidies, key weapon in the administration's fight to stabilize consumer food prices at September, 1942, levels.

GOP Voters Leading In Multnomah County

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 7.—(AP)—James W. Glisan, Multnomah county election registrar, said today Multnomah county voter registration today totaled 141,125 which includes 71,217 republican and 68,379 democratic voters.

Although many of the registrants during the past six months have been people from the deep south who have continued their affiliation with the democratic party, this registration is offset by Portland citizens who have changed their registration from democratic to republican, Glisan said.

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Marines Form Papas Club

SOMEWHERE IN THE SOUTH-WEST PACIFIC—(Delayed)—An organization with the comradeship of the "Short Shorters" and the tenseness of the Caterpillar Club has come into being among certain members of a marine unit now stationed on an island base in this area.

The new brotherhood is known as Papas Now, but written as one word. It's the Pacific Association of Papas Awaiting Wistfully the Sight of New Offspring. As the name reveals the group is composed of men who were assigned overseas duty prior to the birth of their offspring.

Eligible for membership are officers and enlisted men alike, the sole requirement being that the proposed member have an offspring he hasn't yet seen. Chief activity among members is that of mutual consolation. The recognition signal, when two Papas now meet, is a sad shake of the head, accompanied by the words: "When do you think we'll get back?"

Delays in the arrival of mail often provide anxious days for prospective Papas now and sometimes several weeks or a month may elapse before the jittery father learns whether he is the parent of a boy or a girl. During these times, the chaplain is available for consolation. He can well understand the anxiety and suspense, for he, too, recently became one of the Papas now.

Fire Patrol Soon To Start Training Boys

Spring training for fire crews of the Eastern Lane fire patrol association will start in February, James Walker, fire warden, announced Thursday.

Boys over 15 years in good physical condition are eligible to apply for such training, Warden Walker stated. Boys accepted for duty with the fire patrol will be given courses in map reading, survey system and use, compass and fire finder use. They will also be given field trips to demonstrate compass problems, the use of tools and other practical problems necessary to their work as future fire fighters. They will be given in addition, the warden commented, the splendid record left by the boys of 1943.

During the 1943 season the only serious damage done in the eastern Lane area was during February and March when much young reproduction was lost to fern fires. The loss in total acreage for 1943 was 1530, Walker stated, which equaled a total value of \$3700.

There were only eight fires for the entire season which made 1943 the best season since organized protection was undertaken in eastern Lane.

Fire Warden Walker explained that this excellent record was made despite an increase of 50 per cent forest operations by lumber companies within the eastern Lane area. This excellent record is due in large measure, Walker said, to the well trained, willing and anxious crews of younger boys, recruited from the high schools of Lane county. These boys, he pointed out, were trained from February to the close of the school year, and rendered invaluable service to the county in fire protection.

Besides their excellent record as firemen, the boys left a record of no injuries for the season among their numbers. Besides that they worked a garden, and canned 655 cans of vegetables which the 1944 crews will find on their table, Walker revealed.

The Eastern Lane fire patrol association maintains three camps at which the boys are stationed during fire seasons, Mosby Creek camp and Coast Fork camp, both in the Cottage Grove area, and the McKenzie camp above Hendricks bridge.

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Lane County War Activity Data Saved For History

Preservation of all records showing the effect of World War II on Lane county and the participation of Lane citizens in war activities was announced Thursday, as part of a state program, by Dr. L. S. Cressman, head of the university department of anthropology, and chairman and director of a state committee on the conservation of cultural resources, world war history project.

Dr. Cressman who at the request of Governor Earl Snell has sent letters to county defense coordinators throughout the state, asking them to collect their local records and file them with the state library, stated that the object of the record preservation program is to make available all existing historical data to future scholars so that it may be properly evaluated as a possible pattern of action for the future in event war breaks out again.

Hebron Grangers Report Meeting

COTTAGE GROVE—Hebron grange met Saturday evening at the Community hall with the new master, Fred Harris, presiding. Walter Baker gave an agricultural report on winter cover-crop feed. Jeanne Morton, home economics chairman, asked for sales slips returns for the past quarter to be turned in to her before Jan. 10. The obligation was received by Clyde Gilham, and new members were voted in and will receive the obligation and degree work at the next meeting.

A number of appointments for standing committees this year were named by Harris as follows: William White, agriculture chairman; Jeanne Morton, Home Economics chairman; Walter Baker, legislative committee member. All business for 1943 was completed without standing bills allowed and a financial report by the treasurer, Mrs. Walter Baker. It was voted that the business meetings continue to be held the first Saturday evening of each month, with a social meeting on the third Saturday. A social meeting will be held for an indefinite length of time according to the attendance. These social gatherings will be open to the community and entertainment and refreshments will be provided. Following the business meeting refreshments were served by Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Harris, with square dancing the entertainment. Several service men from Camp Adair were present as guests. The first social meeting will be held on Jan. 15 at 8 p. m. and those attending are asked to bring cookies.

Leaburg Notes

LEABURG.—Dale Carlson, who has been home on a furlough, has returned to Buckley Field, Colo. His mother, Mrs. Nella Carlson, went as far as Portland with him to visit with her daughter, Miss Solveig Carlson.

Mrs. Earl Middleton spent the holidays with her family here, and due to illness, remained at home for a few days, before returning to her teaching duties at Taft.

Several women gathered at the schoolhouse Tuesday to make surgical dressings. Those present for the day were Lois Allen, Mary Elston, Eleanor Carter, Gladys Hansen, Opal Mattoon, Mrs. Sam Swafford, Leatha March, Linn Beyerlin, Ruth West and Rose Fountain. Two hundred fifty dressings were made during the day. All ladies of the Leaburg-Vida communities are urged to attend these meetings which are held each Tuesday from 10 a. m. to 4 p. m. at the Leaburg schoolhouse.

A friendship shower will be given Mrs. Merrill Morris at her home on Friday, January 14 from 2 to 4 p. m. All ladies of the community are invited to attend.

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by JAMES MARLOW and GEORGE ZIELKE

WASHINGTON. (AP)—The foxes got stung, the eager beavers were nicked for plenty and the tortoisewolves won.

So, if you have taken down that Christmas tree, remember the lesson in it. The lesson doesn't end with Christmas.

There was supposed to have been a Christmas tree shortage. Foxy dealers, figuring on a grand buying rush, kited their prices: \$6, \$7 and \$8 a tree.

Then eager-beaver guys, with money to spare or a fear they'd miss a tree, went out and paid the asking price. But the tortoise-like cautious gent, who preferred doing without to being gypped, stayed away from the tree marts in droves. About that time, as one OPA official says, trees began flooding into the big cities. The trees so exceeded the eventual demand that the foxes had to cut their prices to the bone and many wound up by having to burn the trees.

So what? Two things: In the first place OPA had put no ceiling on trees because they were not essential. Second, OPA did not ration the trees. It was a free market and, as it developed, for once the profiteers miscalculated.

Plenty of people paid far too much for the trees they bought. But plenty of people ignored the trees or waited till the price collapsed.

But suppose that, instead of trees, Christmas shoppers went looking for steaks which, although scarce, were uncanceled and unrationed. Pretty soon plenty of people who, although they feel they can do without a tree but want a steak, would have been bidding against one another.

That bidding would have forced up the price. Steaks, actually scarce, would have remained scarce and the greater the scarcity the greater the clamor for them. Then there would have resulted an inflated market with prices far beyond a reasonable price for steaks.

Or if, instead of steaks, the commodity had been scarce but uncanceled and unrationed non-perishable canned fruit, the picture would have been uglier. People with money would have hoarded, as they did with coffee when it was unrationed. And—people without money and therefore forced to buy on a day to day basis—would have been without canned fruit.

So what does the Christmas tree story prove? Only this: It was a good illustration of what could be expected in this country if necessary commodities were unrationed or were not held under price control.

There would be people fair enough to want to charge only a fair price. Also there would have been people anxious to get rich

in a hurry and therefore glad to charge any price they could get. There would be people foolish enough to pay the asking price no matter how high. Those people might counter by saying: "We're not saps. We have money to spend. We'll spend it on what we want."

And there is the third group, the people without money to spare, who would have had to sit back and watch the unequal distribution of goods.

Some of the earlier members were J. Hardy Crowe, I. W. Petrie, P. F. Davis, Capt. John O'Brien, R. J. Farman, and G. G. Crowe. The meetings were originally held in a building at the foot of the hill at Lorane. Later the I.O.O.F. hall was used. The present hall was built about 35 years ago. The present membership is 40.

Tire Dealer Sees Some Hope for More Tires

Immediate conversion of the United States Rubber company Eau Claire plant to tire making, taken with the increased production facilities of the Los Angeles plant provides a glimmer of hope for frustrated motorists according to Otis F. Marshall of the Adair-Marshall company, Eugene distributors of Gellette tires which are made in these factories.

This announcement follows the decision of army ordnance officials to curtail the production of small arms ammunition to which this plant had been converted on the outbreak of war.

Marshall explained that the Eau Claire plant plans an increase of production facilities over the former capacity to the extent that a large percentage of the workers who were employed in munitions making will be absorbed into the tire building operations.

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Jury Will Probe 'Hopkins Letter'

WASHINGTON, Jan. 7.—(AP)—The disputed "Hopkins letter" relating to the possibility that Wendell Willkie may again be the republican presidential nominee this year, will be investigated by a federal grand jury, Assistant Attorney General Tom C. Clark announced.

Clark, who is in charge of the justice department's criminal division, said a District of Columbia jury will begin the investigation next week of circumstances surrounding publication of the letter, which Harry L. Hopkins has described as "a forgery."

The letter in question, bearing Hopkins' name, and addressed to Dr. Humphrey Lee, president of Southern Methodist University at Dallas, Texas, was recently made public by C. Nelson Sparks, former mayor of Akron, Ohio, who said he was satisfied about its authenticity.

Associates Criticize Justice Frankfurter

WASHINGTON, Jan. 7.—(AP)—Supreme Court Justices Black and Murphy have sharply criticized Justice Frankfurter's views

on the patent laws, which apparently wishes to interpret on the basis of his own "morals" and "ethics."

"And for judges to interpret of statutes nothing but their own sense of 'morals' and 'ethics' is the least dangerous thing they can do," says an opinion written by Justice Brandeis and concurred in by Justice Cardozo.

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