

COMMENTS OF THE WEEK

SOME FACTS ON THE FOOD STAMP PLAN—

A NUMBER of inquiries have been heard at various times for information on the method of operation of the Food Stamp Plan as approved by the Federal Surplus Commodities Corporation, a department of the United States Department of Agriculture. In a bulletin released and approved by the FSCC an explanation of the plan is given, many pertinent points of which are explained below for the information it may contain.

The food stamp plan is a new way of distributing surplus foods that was inaugurated in Multnomah county in January of this year. The plan operates under the U. S. Department of Agriculture in cooperation with the Oregon State Public Welfare Commission and local retail food merchants. As explained therein, all persons in Multnomah county who are certified for public aid, or are working on WPA projects are eligible to participate in the plan.

As a participant in the plan it is possible to obtain \$1.50 worth of food for each \$1.00 spent. The plan was first tried last May in Rochester, New York and since then 25 areas have been added throughout the country. Because of the success of the plan in these areas, the Secretary of Agriculture has announced its gradual expansion throughout the nation.

Participation in the plan is entirely voluntary. However, as an eligible participant the opportunity of receiving more food and a better balanced diet is possible. Participation in the plan is possible if relief is being received from the Oregon State Public Welfare Commission, Old Age Assistance, Aid to Dependent Children, Aid to the Blind, Soldiers' and Sailor's Assistance or are a certified worker on a WPA project.

Participants may purchase as much as \$6.00 worth of orange colored food-order stamps per month for each member of a family. Two kinds of food-order stamps are issued.

ed. One kind is orange colored, the other blue. Each stamp, whether orange or blue, has a value of 25c. Under the plan one blue food-order stamp is received free with each two orange food-order stamps purchased. Orange food-order stamps are good for any foods whether surplus or not. Blue stamps are good only for foods that are listed as surplus by the Secretary of Agriculture. Orange stamps insure regular food purchases so that food received free with the blue stamps will be in addition to, and not in place of these regular purchases. The list of surplus foods will be changed from time to time. Orange stamps cannot be used to get beer, wine, liquor or any kind of tobacco. Food-order stamps cannot be used to pay old bills or accounts.

Grocers will accept each stamp at its full face value. One 25c orange colored stamp is good for 25c worth of any food. One 25c blue surplus-food stamp is good for 25c worth of any food that is on the official surplus list.

THE LETTER CONTAINS MUCH TRUTH—

APPEARING ELSEWHERE on this page is a forum article submitted The Eagle this week by one of its readers. The letter contains mention of the practice of shooting fireworks in anticipation of the Fourth of July holiday date and explains some of the discomfort which may be caused by the practice when conducted near the homes of those who may be suffering or who may be caused to suffer as a result of the explosions caused thereby.

One can hardly disagree with the circumstances outlined in the letter for as they are set forth many may be caused to suffer and should be the result, then the shooting of fireworks would be adverse to the purpose for which those fireworks were intended.

In addition to the discomfort which may easily be caused there is the danger element of fire which may result in the many plots of grass which yet remain standing.

Certainly this article is not intended to prevent the shooting of fireworks for that would be a step in the direction of destroying much enjoyment for many people but the article is intended to point out that care should be exercised so that those who do not enjoy the loud noises may be spared the discomfort which may arise thereby.

Would it not be well to utilize some open space such as the city park where little chance of danger is evident?

I AM CARELESSNESS—

I have caused the death of millions, yes and more; Towns and cities I have leveled by the score; Timbered hills that once the landscape graced, Through me have now become a barren waste. Ruin, death and famine is the toll I take. Blasted hopes and blighted lives, must follow in my wake. Defeated armies, shattered, done, have lost, When but for me they might have won. And who am I, you ask, that causes this distress? You know me well. They call me Carelessness.

—J. B. Cammon

county before locating in Elsie in 1876 where the family made a permanent home.

The Forum

To the Editor:

Our world is in inhuman hands. People who do not respect neighbors' rights are murdering people because of their gangster power. I pray our land will profit by those awful things and start right here at home teaching our youth to be law abiding citizens. Many people don't seem to know that a fence is a quiet way of saying "No Trespass." Also our young folks don't seem to realize how dangerous it is to set off fire works around dry grass that grows everywhere. Many fires have been started by smoldering cracker stubs. Also our town is full of infants and young children, many having had diseases that have left weakened nerves and hearts. The awful shocking noises of fire works near their homes is a serious damage, not to mention aged hearts that nearly burst when those awful crackers explode.

Now I am here to say I am only one in hundreds of citizens who think and feel as I do. We have already expressed our feelings over the racket starting so early. I hate no one. I love children, am a mother, had two six-foot sons. They had lots of fire works, but I went with them to beaches or lonely pastures to make their noise where no invalid or infant would be injured. I taught them that others had rights and taught them that good citizens never robbed others of their right to life and happiness. Don't let us become a lawless people, and old and young must try to be good citizens. I think, along with others, that our folks who like noise should be allowed to have the city park for all the noisy fun they want and so keep it away from the homes. No danger of fires there. No aged or sick or babies there to be hurt. Do let us have a sane 4th and don't let it become a public nuisance.

I am only one voice out of hundreds who think exactly as I do. Yours,
Mrs. A. E. Jennings

Carl Enneberg Named Clerk

MIST—(Special to The Eagle)—Mr. and Mrs. Don Hall were Vernonia shoppers Saturday evening. Mr. and Mrs. Otto Bittner spent Sunday with Thomas Osborn at Natal.

The annual school meeting was held Monday evening. Mrs. Myrtle Holce was re-elected clerk, and Carl Enneberg as director to replace Earl Holce, whose term expired.

With the coming of hot weather the camps are on the Hoot-owl shift this week.

Funeral services were held here Friday for Mrs. John Larson of Birkenfeld who passed away at her home last week. We extend sincere sympathy to the family.

Just a week ago another funeral was held here for the little child of R. S. Camberg. She was accidentally burned with hot grease when she pulled the cap from the stove and tipped it up her mouth. She was burned very badly and all efforts to save her were fruitless at the Doerenbecher hospital where she was taken. She was 22 months old. Her mother passed away last October after a few days illness.

Earl Holce was home from the Sanitorium in Milwaukee over the week-end, where he has been for several months. He returned Sunday morning again.

Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Melis returned from a few weeks trip to Missoula, Montana, recently. They visited many points of interest en route. They went to Montana to visit their son, Percy, Miss Marian Melis returned home with her grandparents for a visit.

Mr. Frost is also a visitor at Meadowbrook farm from Eastern Oregon.

Casper Libel from Bend is visiting at the home of his son, J. O. Libel, and family.

Joe Cheemanek and son, Frankie, and Shady Lane were Seaside visitors one day last week.

T. W. Larson is a patient at the Sanitorium on Lovejoy Street in Portland undergoing some treatment for a heart ailment. He is doing nicely and hopes to be home soon. Many farmers have begun haying already. Wikstroms and Melises are among those cutting.

The Mist Helping Circle is meeting this week, Thursday, at the J. O. Libel home with Mrs. George Jones and Mrs. Libel as hostesses.

Sunday visitors at the Bridgers cottage at Seaside were Melvin DeRock, Mr. and Mrs. William Brid-

gers, Mr. and Mrs. S. J. DeRoek of Glenwood, Miss Elaine Louden and a friend and Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Smith and Bonnie Jean.

The William Keaton folks spent the week-end at Scappoose visiting her sister.

Mrs. L. Wikstrom and Mrs. A. Dowling called on Mrs. Joe Roeser Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. Ray Mills and small son spent a few days here with her aunt, Mrs. William Bridgers, last week. The Mills family is living in Seaside for the summer months where Mr. Mills is clerking in a grocery store until his school begins in Vernonia this fall. He's a teacher in the Vernonia High.

Mr. and Mrs. Irving Knowles and Denny Warner and daughter motored to La Center Sunday.

Ed Reynolds and Dewey Warner are falling timber for the Van Vleet camp on the mountain here.

Oscar Jones was a visitor at the Cahill home last week for a day near Birkenfeld.

Priscilla Hanson was a recent visitor in Portland.

Floyd Deeds was a week-end visitor at his home from Portland.

L. Wikstrom and Mr. Baxter of Delena made a business trip to McMinnville last Saturday.

Shady Lane was a visitor in Wilamina Monday.

Ed Reynolds purchased a used car this week.

William Bridger and his niece, Mrs. William Keaton, were Portland visitors Monday.

Bernard Dowling and his father were Clatskanie movie visitors Sunday evening.

We understand the Mist Logging Company will finish up this week. They have been logging here two years. They have not decided where the next timber will take them.

Mrs. Earl Holce is our new central having gone to work Monday morning. We shall miss Olga; she has been our telephone operator for many years. We cannot just recall the exact number but think around twenty years of faithful service. We wish her success wherever she goes.

L. Wikstrom went to Taft to

work this week. The piling crew are making a fine highway down the river between Mist and Jewell. Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Osborn were dinner guests Sunday evening at Mr. and Mrs. Joe Roeser. Mrs. Annie Sears stopped a short time in the village Friday en route home to Neverstill from a visit at Timber with her son.

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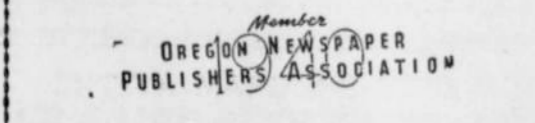
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COUNTY NEWS--

St. Helens--

CITY TO HAVE AMPLE WATER THIS SEASON--

There will be no shortage of domestic water in St. Helens this summer, since the new well located near the McBride school will be cut into the system next week. Testing of the well to comply with a ruling of the state health department has been completed, and the pump is being installed at present.

Twelve returns of the 14 water samples taken show the purity of the water to be in Class A, which is considerably above the standard required by the state health department.

PLAZA FLAGPOLE DEDICATED--

Gerald W. Mason, members of the state parole commission and state chaplain of the Eagles lodge, gave the principal address at the ceremony formally dedicating the new flagpole in the center of the Plaza last Friday. The city, county and American Legion are sponsoring the dedication as part of National Flag Day observance.

SHELL COMPANY BUILDS STATION--

Construction of the new Shell Super Service station started this week at the corner of First and St. Helens streets, following awarding of the contract to J. H. Cronkite. Rock on the lot is being cleared by a crew of men and the old Sentinel-Mist building will be moved 75 feet west probably next

week.

It is understood that the Shell Oil Company will invest a total of nearly \$9,000 in the new service station, although Mr. Cronkite's contract calls for only the building itself, the Shell company installing its own pumps and equipment. The building will be modern in every detail, of frame construction and will stress complete one-stop service.

FIVE DRIVERS ENTER DERBY--

Five entries have been made for the Model T Ford Handicap Derby which will be staged at the Deer Island fair grounds the afternoon of Sunday, June 23, to raise funds for the American Red Cross war relief fund, says Joe Howard, who is registering the drivers at his Texaco Service Station on Columbia boulevard. Arrangements for the derby were made by Charles N. Robers, chairman of the committee in charge of the drive to raise Columbia county's quota of \$1,200.

CITY ISSUES BUILDING PERMITS TOTALING \$1,300--

Three building permits amounting to \$1,300 were issued this week from the office of City Recorder J. E. Beeler. The total for 1940 now stands at \$82,175 as compared with the \$79,370 program for the 12 months of 1939. This is a gain of \$2,805 over last year.

C. F. Howard was issued a permit to spend \$600 repairing his home, and Marguerite E. Wirfs obtained a permit for a like sum to spend for remodeling purposes. James Quileash will expend \$100

erecting a garage on his property.

SCHOOL ELECTION MERE FORMALITY--

Annual school election, which occurs next Monday, will be a mere formality as the outgoing director, Caly W. Sherman, is unopposed in seeking re-election. Mr. Sherman was elected director last June to fill the vacancy on the board left by the death of Dr. L. G. Ross. The polls will be open from 2:00 to 7:00 p. m. in the John Gumm and McBride grade schools.

Clatskanie--

FOURTH OF JULY CELEBRATED HERE--

The Fourth of July will be celebrated in Clatskanie this year. Plans are being made for a family celebration and various forms of entertainment will be available with particular attention being paid to the amusement of the children of the community.

The V. F. W. post is sponsoring the celebration this year and the development of plans is well under way. Races and contests of varied detail are scheduled and a baseball game will be another attraction.

ANOTHER PIONEER IS CALLED BY DEATH--

J. R. "Bob" Wherry, 77, one of the oldest of the early pioneers of the Jewell and Elsie districts, died early Sunday morning at a hospital in Astoria. He had lived in Oregon since about two years of age and had lived in the Elsie district the past 63 years. Mr. Wherry was born in Iowa and was brought with his parents over the old Oregon trail in 1866. They spent about ten years in Polk