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Kefauver's Food Stamp Plan Would Ease The Plight Of Urban and Rural Negroes

Senator Estes Kefauver in mid-west speeches, this week, proposed amendments to the farm bill which would directly affect the Negro city dweller who is feeling the pinch of unemployment and high food prices.

Under his overall farm program, the Negro stands to profit most through the consideration given the family-type farmer.

Carrying his bid for the Democratic presidential nomination into Iowa, the Senator declared: "I am sick and tired of hearing the Secretary of Agriculture moan about 'overburdening surpluses' and blaming the farmers' woes on them."

This is significant in view of the many areas where Negroes are applying for relief to meet the bare necessities of subsistence-food and clothing."

The Senator does not believe we can afford to classify these food surpluses as a burden, since there are many ways they can serve to relieve suffering at home and make friends abroad.

Under the Senator's Food Stamp Plan, the Secretary of Agriculture would be authorized to issue food stamps through regular state welfare agencies. Such stamps would be redeemable for food on the surplus list at stores participating in the plan.

He says: "Any of those who are receiving benefits or assistance under the program of old-age assistance, Federal Old-Age and Survivors Insurance Benefits, aid to dependent children, aid to the blind, and aid to permanently and totally disabled will be eligible for food stamps."

The Urban Negro is particularly aware of the need for the distribution of surplus food in a manner which will reach the thousands who are on the rolls of the agencies listed.

These statements by the Senator will be met by opposition in many quarters. However, the Senator has the evidence to refute the optimists who claim that everyone in our nation has plenty to eat. He cites as an example a member of a group which operates a center for assisting the needy in Washington. "He brought along some of the letters that they receive daily—grubby, grimy, written on torn pieces of paper with pencil," the Senator said, and quoted from the letter:

"Will you please send me a food order. My children haven't had anything to eat all day long and will you send some food please because I have five children."

"Will you please send me some food. I have six children. I will appreciate anything you can send me. Thank you."

The Senator concludes: "We calculate that there are about 18 million persons in the United States who would qualify for use of the food stamp plan."

On the other side of the surplus food problem, the Negro farmer stands with other farmers. The Senator included in his speeches the following statements which directly affect the Negro farmer.

"I intend to propose that we have a 100 per cent price supports from those farms showing revenue of \$7000 or less; 90 per cent on income between \$7000 and \$20,000; 75 per cent up to \$50,000. This graduation will give the major benefit to the family-type farmer instead of the big ones."

"Right now hogs are selling, I believe, at around 55 per cent. If we set the minimum level at 90 per cent, then we would be saying, in very rough figures, that the income of the hog farmers would be increased by around 30 per cent. I think that's the kind of vital assistance you need."

The keystone of Senator Kefauver's farm proposals is aid to the family-type farmer.

YWCA STARTS Spring Classes

Spring class enrollments are being accepted at the YWCA for the groups beginning April 2. Included is a variety both in the afternoon and evening for adults.

Classes scheduled are: Ballroom dancing, sewing and tailoring, trim gym, badminton, golf, tennis, bridge (beginning and intermediate), painting and sketching, bowling.

Manuel Caldwell

Manuel Caldwell, age 65 years, of 2423 Binney St., expired Tuesday, March 13, 1956 at a local hospital.

He was an Omaha resident 43 years.

Funeral services were held Thursday, March 22, 1956 at 2:00 P.M. from the Myers Brothers Funeral Chapel with Rev. F. C. Williams officiating. Interment was at Mt. Hope Cemetery.

Harding Asks Return To O.P.P.D.

J. M. Harding, president of the Omaha Public Power District, has filed for re-election to the utility's Board of Directors.

Mr. Harding has been president of the Power District since it took over the properties of the Nebraska Power Company on December 2, 1946. He was appointed a director by the late Governor Dwight Griswold and elected president by the original Board of Directors. He is the sole remaining director of the original Board still serving the utility. Mr. Harding



was re-elected to a second six-year term in 1950. The post of president of the utility pays \$150 per month.

In the investment business in Omaha, Mr. Harding is a native of Wisner, Nebraska, and a graduate of Yale University. He was associated with the Harding Ice Cream Company, 1910-1937, and served as president, 1929-1937. He is a director and member of the executive committee of the Pullman Company. Active in civic affairs, Mr. Harding has served as trustee of Creighton Hall, director of Defense Funds, Inc., and has participated in activities of the Omaha Industrial Foundation, the Omaha Chamber of Commerce, and the Community Chest.

Commenting on O.P.P.D.'s contributions to the influx of new industry to this area during the past several years, Mr. Harding said that adequate electric power supply at low rates has been a highly influencing factor. "No industry has side-stepped Omaha and located elsewhere because of lack of low-cost electric power," he said. O.P.P.D.'s industrial rates are the lowest of the ten major industrial cities in the Midwest.

Under Mr. Harding's leadership since 1946, the Power District has reduced electric rates, amounting to \$1,250,000 annually; increased total assets from \$42,000,000 to \$121,000,000; and stepped up generating capacity from 116,000 kilowatts in 1946 to 290,000 today, with further additions scheduled for 1957 and 1959 that will bring generating capacity to 490,000 kilowatts. During the years of Mr. Harding's presidency, customer use of electricity throughout the District has nearly doubled.

Regarding future developments of the Power District, Mr. Harding expressed optimism. He stated that growth of the Omaha area as an industrial center will continue to bring new demands for electrical energy.

Yvette Butler

Yvette Denice Butler, 2 month old daughter of Blonzine and Nathaniel Butler, 3233 Willis Ave., expired Monday evening, March 19, 1956 at a local hospital.

She is also survived by two sisters, Roxie Ann and Carmen Deiores, two brothers, Gregory and Nathaniel, Jr. all of Omaha.

Committal services were held Wednesday, March 21, 1956 at GraceLand Park Cemetery.

For additional information call the YWCA, JA 2748.

Press Workshop Scenes



More than 75 students attended the sixth annual Florida A and M University interscholastic press workshop held recently. Some of the scenes from the event are above. Top right, two students show their certificates of attendance to workshop consultant Eric O. Simpson (right), editor-publisher of The Florida Star in Jacksonville. At the right a group of students surround James K. Baylor, instructor in presswork in the department of printing, as he operates the university printing press on which the four-page workshop newspaper, "The Workshopper" was printed.

Bottom photo shows the consultants with President and Mrs. George W. Gore, Jr., with whom they had lunch on Friday at their home, Sunshine Manor. Left to right, C. J. Smith, III, workshop director; Wesley W. South, public relations director, Johnson Publish-

ing Company; President Gore; Marion E. Jackson, sports editor, The Atlanta Daily World; Eric O. Simpson, editor-publisher, The Florida Star, Jacksonville; Mrs. Gore; A. K. Knight, radio station WHRC, Jacksonville; Samuel E. Russell, coordinator, Trade and Industrial Education, School of Engineering and Mechanic Arts, A & M; and Robert M. Ratcliffe, national news editor, The Pittsburgh Courier. (A and M staff photo by James Walden.)

Annette Hamilton

Mrs. Annette Hamilton, age 75 years, of 3027 R St., expired Saturday evening, March 17, 1956 at a local hospital.

She was an Omaha resident 21 years and was a member of the Deacons Board of Mt. Olive Baptist Church.

She is survived by her husband, Dave Hamilton of Omaha; daughter Lovie Hamilton of Omaha; son, Dewitt Hamilton, U. S. Army, Ft. Bliss, Texas; sister, Mrs. Bell Breakfield of Omaha and a host of nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services tentatively arranged for Saturday, March 24, 1956 at 10:00 A.M. from the Mt. Olive Baptist Church with Rev. J. O. White officiating.

Myers Brothers Funeral Service.

Girl Scouts Sell Cookies To Aid Fund

Again this year the Girl Scouts will be selling cookies from April 11th, Wednesday, through the 23rd, Monday. This is a worthy cause and they are looking for promotional support.

Anything you can do in your windows, in stores, or giving them sales room in stores will certainly be appreciated by them. The World Herald and neighborhood newspapers will be given cuts should anyone want to promote the event in their ads. If the mat is too large a few lines in the advertisements may help get the job done.

In a juvenile delinquency panel discussion the other night it was pointed out that very, very seldom is a member of the Girl Scouts or Boy Scouts in trouble in town. By supporting activities of this nature we are helping develop our future citizens as well as our present community life. Any support you can give certainly will be appreciated.

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For teenagers: a special ballroom dance class is offered on Saturday afternoons.

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Writer Says Negroes Ready For Trouble As Price Of Justice And Freedom

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