

Food Stamps Deadline Set

Lancaster Farming, Saturday, August 30, 1975—17

Food Stamp recipients have until August 31 to spend their old series coupons at grocery stores, according to USDA Food Stamp regulations.

The outdated 50-cent, one- and five-dollar stamps cannot be accepted by commercial outlets after that time.

USDA introduced the new food stamp series on March 1 of this year. Only the new \$1,

\$5 and \$10 denominations which replaced the old series will be accepted at food outlets beginning September 1.

After August 1, recipients may be able to exchange the old stamps at local food stamp offices designated by the social services departments in their states. The exchange will be dollar for dollar, new food stamps for old.

The amendment to the food stamp program regulations was published in the Federal Register of Friday, August 22, and was effective immediately upon publication.

Flower show scheduled

The 26th annual Lebanon County Flower Show will be held Sept. 10-11 at the Lebanon Valley Exposition Grounds, Cornwall and Evergreen Roads, Lebanon.

The public is invited to attend the show which will be centered around the theme "with flowers we quote." There is no admission charge. Visiting times have been set at 4:00 p.m.-10:00 p.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 10 and 10:00 a.m.-9:00 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 11.

Mrs. Emanuel Beck will be the judge for the event with Mrs. George H. Fox serving as chairlady of the program.

How To House Your Plants

Whether a friend has just given you a single tomato in a pot or you have a whole indoor garden of potted primroses, ferns, chrysanthemums, or chives, the time is bound to arrive when you zero in on how to house your pet plants.

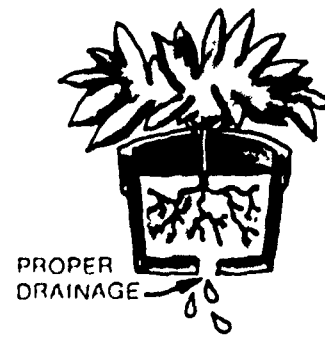
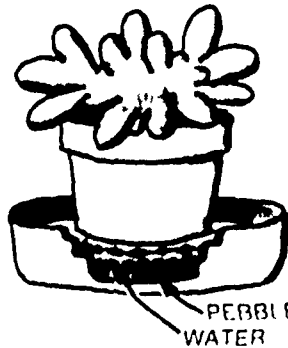
What kind of container should you choose? Elegant china? Tough redwood? Glazed oriental pottery? Woven baskets, plastic or wire? A cast iron jardiniere? Or unglazed clay?

To decide what containers to use to showcase your plants, consider some down-to-earth information from *House Plants Indoors/Outdoors*, a new Ortho garden book.

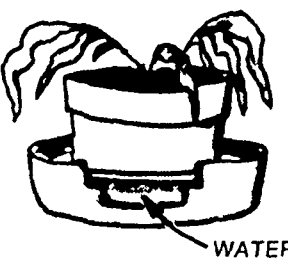
Among pot materials, the old-fashioned unglazed clay ranks highest among the experts. As the book points out, "these classic, time-honored containers are hard to beat." Clay pots help the plant—water evaporates through the sides and helps the roots stay cooler. Clay pots usually range in size from 2 to 18 inches in diameter—and all have a drainage hole.

For people with indoor plants, especially, containers

Right Way



Wrong Way



of glazed pottery have a lot of appeal. These containers come either with or without a drainage hole. If you want the esthetic pleasure of a decorative container and it doesn't have a drainage hole, it's best to grow the plant in a slightly smaller clay pot inside the cachepot.

Plastic pots and baskets have their virtues. The material is light-weight, less expensive than clay, and available in the same range of sizes.

You can come up with a real decorator look using all white plastic pots, but exercise care when you choose bright colors which may tend to appear garish. Plastic pots with drainage holes are preferred to those without.

Some container gardeners go for wooden boxes or planters. Redwood does especially well outdoors. It's rot-resistant, long-lasting and attractive. Be sure to check how it's put together before you select a box or planter—metal banding is often used and it's quick to rust. The book, *House Plants Indoors/Outdoors*, now available at local garden stores, offers sound advice: "The better way is to build, or have built, your own wooden planter boxes, sized to fit your particular needs. Don't overlook marine plywood as a relatively inexpensive material for making planters."

Like glazed pottery, baskets offer fascinating possibilities for interior decoration. But on the practical side, all of them rot very quickly when subjected to constant moisture. So if you want to use a basket, put the plant first into a utilitarian pot and then into the basket.

Merle Good's Play

Former Lititz resident and well known local playwright Merle Good has chosen to illuminate, in his 9th play, a subject "hotter than war; even more controversial than sex," in the words of the author.

The play, "Today Pop Goes Home," has been presented on stage throughout August at the Dutch Family Festival, Route 30, six miles east of Lancaster. The final run ends this Saturday (August 30).

Delving into an entirely modern dilemma, Good seeks to solve the problem faced by many of today's families: whether to keep and care for aged parents at home in spite of the hardships inflicted on a young family, or to demand the family's right to exist without the added financial and psychological burden on the individual family members.

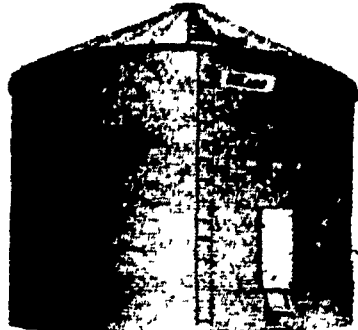
Merle Good's sensitivities and talents are evident in his choice of subjects. The play is a work of magnificent potential even if, at times, it seems to fall short of realizing that potential.

Because of this marked sense of something missing, the play lacks resolution; it's as if one were waiting for something to happen, and it never does.

But as a play designed for pure dramatic enjoyment, "Today Pop Goes Home," is a prime example of the Merle Good talent for story telling via characterization.

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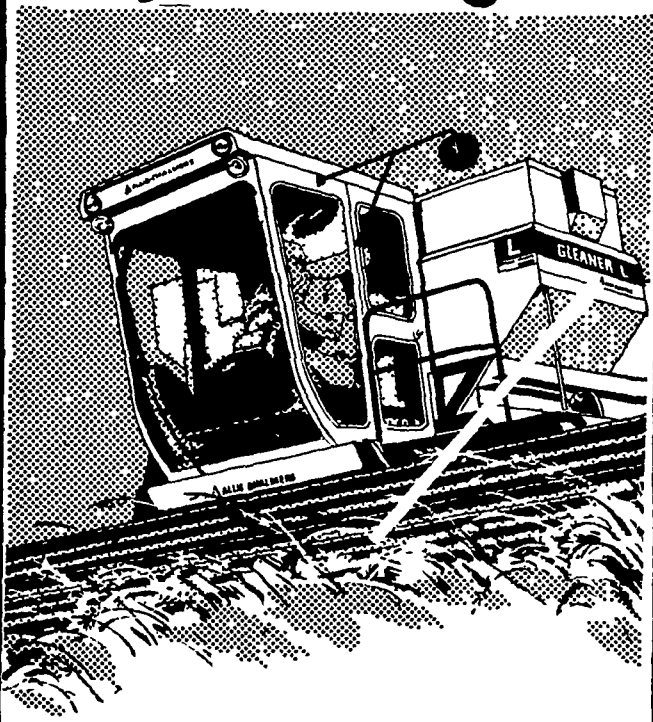


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