

Wheat May Be Used More Freely.

In view of the large number of inquiries as the reason for the removal of restrictions upon the use of wheat flour the Food Administration has issued the following statement:

Since inception the Food Administration's policy has been to adjust its conservation request with conservation necessities and the public has shown its appreciation of this frankness by immediate response.

Last spring the Food Administration was extremely anxious about the wheat shortage and the public was asked to restrict consumption of wheat down to the barest necessity in order to meet the needs of the Allies. With a surplus of only 20 million bushels of wheat, the American people, through conservation, enabled the Food Administration to ship 141 million bushels of wheat. In spite of this conservation, when we reached the 1918 harvest there was less than a ten-day supply in America.

When the new crop came in it proved to be very large but not too large to take care of the needs at that time. It was the desire of the Food Administration not be caught another season with any shortage of this most valuable foodstuff, and with the idea that it was necessary not only to continue shipments of wheat to Europe but to build reserve for the 1919 spring offensive the Food Administration continued to ask the people to use wheat sparingly.

The signing of the armistice changed the situation with wheat immediately as it did with all measures taken with the needs of a continuing war in view. Wheat supplies in distant countries were made available by the cessation, the submarine men-

ace and the assurance of a good crop in 1919, undisturbed by war, relieved somewhat the necessity of building up as large a reserve as was anticipated. In other words, it is probable that our normal actual consumption of wheat implying elimination of waste in which our people have been thoroughly schooled, will be permissible and still allow us to keep the Food Administration's pledge in the shipping of great quantities of bread stuffs to hungry Europe.

Last year's situation with fodder grains plentiful and wheat scarce has been entirely reversed and the necessity now points to a more careful use of the grains needed for animal feed and a free use of wheat.

It can not be too strongly emphasized that even under present condition no wheat must be wasted. It is a well known fact that a diet which includes little meat naturally increase the consumption of bread and at this time, when the shortage of meat is acute, it is good to know that an increased consumption of bread is not unpatriotic.

Why Not In Binford, Too.

McHenry Tribune: A number of enterprising people of this village are flooding the low land adjacent to the railroad track to the south, just across from the lumber sheds of the Crane-Johnson Co., with a view of making an ice rink for public use. The use of the old well owned by the N. P. railway has been secured by the permission of the railway authorities and the village board allowed the use of the fire engine for pumping purposes. The movement is a good one, and the enjoyment of the little folks in skating near home is sufficient to well award for whatever effort anyone has made in making the ice rink.