

SOCIAL SECURITY LAW LIBERALIZED

Annuities to Begin in 1940, Benefits in Early Years to Be Increased.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 7.—(AP)—When Congress voted Saturday to pay pensions of 300,000 more elderly persons than are entitled to receive them under the present social security law, it made it possible for some persons to get back to pension checks in the first two months more than their total contributions to the fund.

Furthermore, these pension checks would continue going in their every month until their death.

This provision, known as the La Follette amendment, was only one of a number of revisions of the social security act which were finally approved and sent to the White House in the closing hours of the session. Legislators agreed generally that President Roosevelt would sign the change into law.

The present statute provides for payment of pensions only to insured workers who reach 65 on or after January 1, 1940. The La Follette amendment permits persons who are 65 before that date to become eligible for pensions on January 1, 1940, provided they pay or have paid taxes on their salaries for at least 15 months.

Whole Law Liberalized

A bill to liberalize benefits and lighten the tax schedule of the social security program was approved by Congress Saturday.

The bill would "freeze" old age insurance taxes at the present rate of one per cent each on the employer and employee for the next three years. The rate was scheduled under existing law to rise to one and one-half per cent next January. Three-year savings to workers and employers under the new provision were estimated at \$25,000,000.

Another provision would limit the employer's tax liability for an unemployment compensation to the first \$4,000 which he pays each worker. It would effect an estimated saving of \$15,000,000 a year.

The joint conference committee and the house approved an amendment by Senator Johnson (D., Colo.) to permit the reduction of state unemployment compensation taxes.

Johnson said the amendment provides that state legislatures may effect reductions in existing tax rates after three years' experience with unemployment compensation program.

Chief Features Listed

The increased benefits provided in the measure would cost an estimated \$1,500,000,000 in the next five years. The principal ones would:

1. Start of old age annuities in 1940 instead of 1942.
2. Provide monthly benefits for aged wives, widows, children and aged dependent parents of insured.
3. Permit persons over 65 to count their old age insurance tax payments for the purpose of building up a sufficient reserve to obtain monthly benefits.

The bill would decrease the size of the old age reserve account and create a board of trustees to administer it. Critics of that social security act had contended that the reserve would reach \$47,000,000,000 by 1950, a figure which was disputed by others.

Scope Widened

The new proposal limits the reserve to three times the highest annual benefit payments expected during the succeeding five years.

In addition, the measure would:

1. Bring seamen and certain bank employees under the old age provisions of the law.
2. Increase the size of benefit payments in the early years of the program and decrease them slightly in the later years.
3. Increase federal grants to states for maternal and child health services, crippled children, vocational rehabilitation and public health work.
4. Exempt from old age and unemployment insurance persons under 18 who deliver newspapers or shipping news sheets.
5. Exempt insurance agents on commission from the unemployment insurance program. Present law exempts most insurance agents from the old age insurance program.

ELKTON

ELKTON, Aug. 7.—Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Schuch and Mrs. Katherine Hume were attending to business matters in Roseburg Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Roell spent the weekend at their home in Elkton. The Roells are in Elkton for the summer, where Mr. Roell is attending school.

Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Rosen were Cottage Grove visitors Saturday.

Mrs. Clara Smith, Mrs. Anna Franklin, Lloyd Rosen and Royal Rosen, were in Roseburg Friday. Mrs. Franklin went to Glendale while the others returned home.

Mr. and Mrs. George Binder and Miss Vernice Martin were Roseburg visitors Thursday. Miss Martin went from there to her home at Gold Hill. She has been visiting the Binder home.

Mrs. Clara Smith, Miss Faye Rosen, Lloyd Rosen and Royal Rosen were Eugene visitors Thursday.

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THINKS ROOSEVELT SEEKS THIRD TERM

G. O. P. Publicity Director
Says President Would
Be Easy to Beat.

SALEM, Aug. 7.—(AP)—A belief that President Roosevelt is maneuvering in the direction of a third term was expressed today by Franklin W. Wainwright of Washington, D. C., publicity director for the republican national committee, but he added that "Roosevelt would be the easiest man for the republicans to beat."

Wainwright, who met Oregon republican leaders and newspaper editors here today on a tour of the west, said "the third term issue would be worth several million votes to the republicans. There are a lot of democrats who like Roosevelt, but who wouldn't vote for him because they oppose a third term for any man."

McNary Extolled

He said he believes Senator McNary, Oregon's senior senator and senate minority leader is "one of the geniuses of the republican party. He has a grand personality, and he deserves a lot of credit for the splendid position the republican party is in today. McNary is the way he handled the small group of republican senators during the popular days of the new deal was marvelous."

"The 'congressional revolt' against President Roosevelt might change the president's mind about seeking a third term, Wainwright said, assuring the "defeat of his sentiment all over the country is turning against the new deal."

The fact that Oregon now is a strong republican state puts Oregon in a well position nationally.

Wainwright said the enactment of the Hatch bill, restricting political activity of federal job holders, will not affect the president's chances of re-election.

"The more I get around in the country the more I feel sure the republicans will win," he said.

GLIDE

GLIDE, Aug. 2.—Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Hammer and daughters, Clara Lee and Roberta Ann, from Tulsa, Okla., spent several days last week visiting at the Paul Simpson home.

Mr. and Mrs. Wenzel Fox and daughter, Dorothy, and son, Eugene, returned to their home at Glendale, July 29, after spending several days at the fair in San Francisco.

Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Shaw from Superior, Montana, are visiting with friends at Glide. Mrs. Shaw

Gets Present For Dad, Then Passes On

TEXARKANA, Aug. 7.—(AP)—When Charles Patman, 16-year-old son of Representative Wright Patman, lay gravely ill Saturday, he remembered Sunday was his father's birthday.

He asked Mrs. Patman to buy his father a remembrance for the occasion. Mrs. Patman did, and gave it to Charles to keep until Sunday.

Sunday morning the boy died. They found the birthday present under his pillow.

was formerly Maxine Shellabarger. Arlos and Maxine Greene are spending several days with friends at Glide.

Martha Morton and Alice Herrington are spending two weeks at Cascadia where they are attending a Baptist young people's conference.

Paul Simpson is now dining potatoes.

A group of Glide residents spent Sunday, July 30, at Glide.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Taylor and daughter, Rose Marie, and Marjorie Colman left Wednesday, July 19, for Portland, after spending several days visiting at the Paul Simpson home.

Mrs. Myron Harris went to Eugene Tuesday, July 17, to visit her daughter, Florence Kivert.

Word has been received by relatives that a son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Albert Kivert of Nevada.

SOUTHERN DOUGLAS FIRES CONTROLLED

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Heavy Odds Faced

Discouraging odds confronted firefighters last night. The wind reported, which was as violent as explosions burst sparks in all directions, forcing the men to flee from one stand to another.

The fire cut a trail through Tillamook county into Washington county. It doubled back to within four miles of the Tillamook line almost due east of the city of Tillamook.

The Flora Lumber company camp, No. 5, was narrowly saved from destruction. The fate of the Haskell-Carpenter and Hammond

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LEGION JUNIORS

DOWN ALL-STARS

North Douglas Old-Timers
Take Comical Battle;
West Midgets Win.

By EVERETT CROUCH

The Olympia post Legion Juniors, playing without the services of their regulars, defeated the West Douglas All-Stars, 11 to 1, in a baseball game at Finlay field Sunday afternoon.

The Juniors found the slumps of R. L. Lutz, All-Star pitcher, to their liking and pushed across four runs in the first inning and never were threatened during the balance of the seven-inning contest.

Ken Laurance, holding down the mound position for the Juniors, pitched three-hit ball. A homer by Jay Shinn in the seventh robbed him of a shutout and scored the only tally for the visiting team.

Score: R H E
All-Stars 1 1 1
Juniors 11 11 0

Batteries: R. Long, S. Long and Red, Hamilton; Laurance and Norton.

North Douglas Wins

The feature of the day's celebration, Junior League baseball's centennial was the Old-Timers game. The North Douglas team won from the South Douglas players by a close score of 9 to 8 in a game which furnished a lot of laughs for the spectators.

Score: R H E
North Douglas 9 9 4
South Douglas 8 9 5

Batteries: Jackson, Hakely, Turner and Hakely; Hodges, Hakely, Van Vorst, Rittman and Bender.

The afternoon's celebration began with a seven-inning contest between two picked teams of Midgets representing the east and west. The battery combinations were mainly affairs with the Strohbecker brothers working for the east side and the White brothers alternating on the mound and behind the plate for the west side, who took the contest 12 to 3.

Score: R H E
East 12 10 2
West 3 6 2

Batteries: G. Strohbecker, Young and J. Strohbecker; N. White, J. White and J. White, N. White.

Juniors Have New Date

Next Sunday afternoon the Olympia post Juniors will play the South Douglas All-Stars. It had been expected that yesterday's game would be the last of the season for the Legion team, but a challenge was received from a group of players recruited from Myrtle Creek, Riddle, Canyonville and Days Creek, and the challenge was accepted.

Lynn Beckley, who pitched ball for the Roseburg town team in previous years, will be on the mound for the All-Stars, according to Jim Watts, coach of the Juniors. The Juniors will practice Tuesday.

ROSEBURG GOLFERS LOSE TO COOS FOES

The Roseburg Country club, badly handicapped by the absence of several of its leading golfers, lost its first tournament on the local course this season, dropping yesterday's meet with Marshfield.

The fire started in Washington, two and a half miles northeast of Mount Spokane, early Saturday and burned into Idaho before a brisk southeast wind.

by a score of 30 to 22. The defeat was the second for the year as compared with two wins, making the honors even thus far.

Next Sunday a 28-man team from Roseburg will go to Eugene to play on the Laurelhurst course.

WOMAN FEARED TO HAVE DIED IN FIRE

HEMERTON, Wash., Aug. 7.—(AP)—Undersheriff Fred "Vickers" said Miss Edith Jensen, 25, was believed to have burned to death today when fire of undetermined origin destroyed the farm home of her father, Chris Jensen, near here.

The blaze was "discovered" by neighbors about 9 a. m., while Jensen and his three sons were working in their fields. Miss Jensen, who returned Saturday from a San Francisco trip, was the only person in the house and had planned to sleep late.

Her sister, Mrs. Ellen Magnusson, who lives across the road, attempted to enter the upstairs room Miss Jensen occupied but was driven back by flame and smoke. Jensen and his sons also made unsuccessful rescue attempts.

The body was not immediately found.

ROOSEVELT TO KEEP UP PROGRAM FIGHT

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