

# Pension Boost Urged By Labor Secy. Tobin

**Demand Indicates Aim Of Truman To Press For Congressional Action**

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WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—(AP)—New evidence piled up today that the Truman administration will press Congress to provide for a greatly expanded federal old age and survivor insurance system during the forthcoming session.

The new pressure hint came from Secretary of Labor Tobin during an appearance before a Senate-House subcommittee which is looking into the problem of low income families.

Tobin told the committee yesterday that the present social security system should be expanded to provide benefits and eligibility provisions "which are generally adapted to the needs of retired workers and their dependents." This is in line with the urgings of President Truman and others this year.

Tobin said he would like to see an approach made to a \$100 a month pension for workers covered by social security along with a gradual increase in the minimum wage to \$1 an hour.

Congress this year raised the minimum wage from 40 cents an hour to 75 cents. Tobin estimated that under present social security benefits, "a retired worker and his wife now receive on the average of less than \$500 a year."

Tobin thus made it clear that he wasn't satisfied with the social security measure passed during the last session by the House, although he said he was "delighted" with the progress that had been made.

The House bill, which now is awaiting Senate action, extends social security coverage to some 11,000,000 additional workers, makes changes both in the rate and base of tax assessments.

At present the two per cent tax, one per cent each on employer and employee, is levied against the first \$3,000 of the worker's income.

The House bill would increase this figure to \$3,600. Tobin suggested that it should be increased to \$5,100 on the basis of the present national income.

The present tax goes to three per cent in 1950, and under the House bill, to four per cent in 1951, with employer and employee each contributing one half.

The House measure, on an average, is expected to raise insurance benefits from 70 to 80 per cent. This would fall short of the \$100 a month pension favored by Tobin.

Tobin said that private industrial pension systems, such as labor unions have been driving for vigorously this year, should supplement, but not replace, a government insurance system.

The subcommittee is seeking information on what can be done to increase the earning capacities of families receiving less than \$2,000 annually.

**Party Girls Used For Luring Trade, Trial Testimony**

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 15.—(AP)—It's common business practice in Hollywood to provide prostitutes for visiting trade associates, a superior court jury was told at the extortion trial here of two accused party girls.

The witness was Ben H. Klekner, greying head of a television school. He testified that on occasion he had arranged women for dates with salesman and other associates in business.

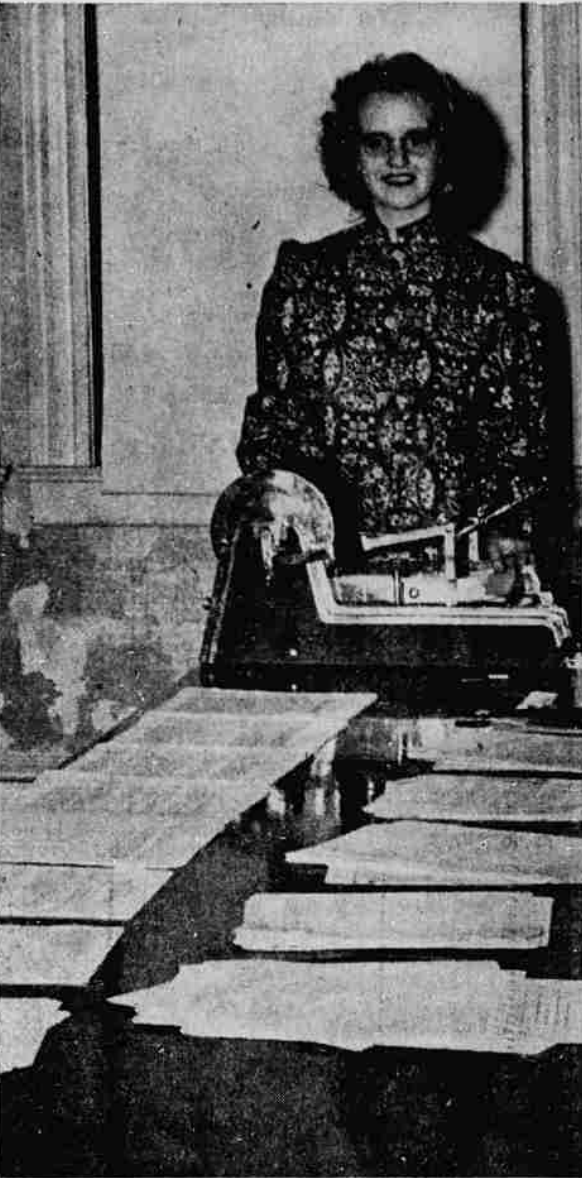
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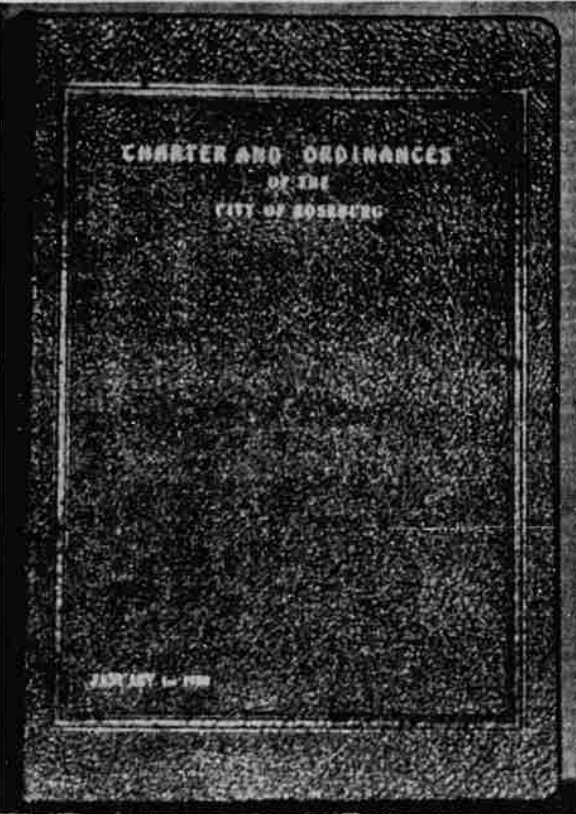
Defense Attorney Glenn Lane, "that it is common practice to employ prostitutes to entertain associates?"

"Yes, generally," answered Klekner. "When I wanted to get the favor of certain key salesmen I would provide party girls who would dine and dance and entertain them, as a matter of good business practice and to obtain good will."

Earlier, Klekner told the jury he so feared the threats of the two defendants that he nailed shut the windows of his home and tried to hire a guard for this three children.

On trial, accused of extortion, are red haired Helen Keller, 27, and her roommate, Toni Hughes, 29, moon-faced brunette. Klekner says he paid them some \$900 not to tell his family of his extramarital romances.

The president of the University of Hollywood, a mail order tele-



vision school, testified that the reason he paid some \$9,000 to the women was through fear of being exposed to his family as an adulterer. He said the payments took place in 1946, 1947 and 1948.

**HOUSES IN THEIR DOTAGE**

MINNEAPOLIS.—(AP)—Old houses can be said to be subject to hardening of the arteries.

That's the conclusion drawn from a study of home obsolescence conducted by Tom McDonald, vice-president of the Minneapolis-Honeywell Regulator Co. His sampling indicates that 51 percent of the 43,000,000 homes in the U.S. are more than 30 years old. In most cases they are still equipped with lighting and plumbing fixtures, heating plants and other accessories that belonged to a past generation.

"This brings about a kind of hardening of the arteries through increasing maintenance costs

and decreasing property values," says McDonald, who was primarily interested in finding that only about 8,000,000 homes have automatically controlled heating systems.

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## New North Umpqua Highway Will Open Huge Timber Belt, Forest Supervisor Reveals

More than two and one-half billion feet of timber from the Steamboat creek watershed will be opened up by construction of the new highway being built up the North Umpqua river, M. M. (Red) Nelson, supervisor of the Umpqua National forest, told members of the Roseburg Rod and Gun club Tuesday night.

Speaking before a regular meeting of the club, Nelson gave assurance that everything possible would be done to preserve scenic and recreational values, and that the road had been planned to prevent "washing" of materials into the river.

Reviewing history of the road, Nelson said that present location of the North Umpqua road, high up from the river, was made at a time when The California Oregon Power company held power filings at Rock creek and planned a dam which would inundate land almost up to the present road level. As these filings have since been relinquished, it now becomes possible to locate the road nearer the river and thus eliminate adverse grades, thereby permitting timber removal at much less cost.

Development of the North Umpqua route as an access road was promoted during the war when timber was a vital defense material, Nelson said. Money is furnished from forest highway funds, used to build public roads in national forest areas.

**To Save Recreation Spots**

The Umpqua Forest highway extends from Rock creek to Diamond lake, but only that section between Rock creek and Steamboat creek is contemplated for development to highway standards at present. When completed, it will open up a huge section of merchantable timber, Nelson said.

He pointed out that some people are disturbed by the fact that survey stakes, in some places, follow the water's edge. These are merely location markers from which the final road plan will be made, he said. While the road will follow the river bench, an intervening strip will be left between the road and river throughout the greater part of the distance, Nelson reported, and every effort is being made to save every spot which may be used for recreational purposes. Furthermore, engineers are endeavoring to equalize cuts and fills so that all material will be used on the road, making it unnecessary to dispose of material by dumping into the river, except at a few points where cliffs must be cut back.

## First Plans For New Buildings At OSC Approved

PORTLAND, Dec. 15.—(AP)—Preliminary plans for food and animal industries structures for Oregon State college have been approved by the building committee for the State Board of Higher Education.

Final plans and specifications are to be available for bid invitations to be issued at the March meeting.

Construction costs for the food industries building were estimated at \$860,000. Plans were designed by Tom Burns & Co., Portland architects. The board has budgeted \$850,000 for the project. The preliminary plans for the animal industries structure estimate construction costs at \$930,000. Architect Glenn Stanton, Portland, prepared the drawings. The budget for the project is \$1,200,000.

In other land and building actions, a \$70,000 Oregon State college museum building was approved. The committee explained the museum building will be remodeled for use of the dramatics department as a theater and workshop.

The museum collections will be moved to fireproof quarters in the basement of Gill coliseum, now nearing completion. A new Butler-type structure will be erected for use of the band and orchestra. The music organizations now use part of the museum building.

Steps to obtain transfer of some 200 acres of land and housing of Adair village area from the government to the college were approved.

## Father And Son Die In Blaze At Springfield

EUGENE, Dec. 15.—(AP)—A railroad worker whose house roared up in flames Sunday was still in a hospital yesterday, along with one of the sons he rescued. Burned in the fire were James L. Graham, and his 9-year-old son, Jimmy. His wife, a first-grade school teacher, and three other sons escaped unhurt.

Graham found his Springfield house engulfed in flames Sunday, smashed a window to reach his family, and carried Jimmy out. The father's body was burned, and his hands cut.

The family lost all their possessions—including \$200 in cash.

had been on a coffee jag. In spite of the popularity of coffee, man always has had a difficulty getting a decent cup of it. Back in 1721 Bradley wrote of a traveler to Constantinople who reported on coffee:

"It was sold in many public places there, which he calls coffa houses, where the Turks sit chatting most of the day, and sip of a drink called coffa, in little China dishes, as hot as they can suffer it; black as soot and tasting not much unlike it."

The description was so apt that I dropped around to my unfavorite restaurant for a check. Sure enough, it still tastes like soot.

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