Increased Social Security Funds Distributed Here

Last week brought increased social security checks to aged people in Douglas County and to dependent children of retired workers and young survivors of workers who have died, according to Claude E. Dawson, manager of the Eugene social security office.

Increases of from $5 to $8.60 each month will go to most retired workers who receive old-age insurance payments. Dependents of these retired workers and survivors of workers who have died will also receive increased benefits in most cases. Increases in payments to dependents and survivors, however, will be smaller than the increases for retired workers — usually from $2 to $5.

Dawson pointed out that although several members of a family may receive monthly payments based on the social security account of a retired or deceased worker, the law sets limits on the total amount of monthly payments to the family. Family payments are limited to 80 per cent of the worker's average monthly wage or to $168.75, whichever is less. (Because each benefit is paid in multiples of 10 cents, actual payments are a few cents more than these figures in some cases.)

A few families receiving benefits that amounted to 80 per cent of the worker's average monthly wage before the law was changed will receive no increases.

For further information write to the Eugene social security office or contact a representative in Roseburg on Tuesday, Oct. 21, at the City Hall Council Chambers between 8:30 a.m. and noon.

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Seavant Starts Across Atlantic On Tiny Raft

LAS PALMAS, Canary Islands (AP)—A French scientist has set out on a 5,000-mile Atlantic crossing aboard a tiny raft in an attempt to prove that men can survive on the fish and plant life they can take from the sea.

The 27-year-old physician, D. Alain Bombard, started drifting Sunday from the Canary Islands toward the West Indies. During the voyage, which he expects to take about 50 days, he said he would live on raw fish and plankton, a small sea organism. He planned to distill his own fresh water from the sea.

Bombard carried emergency provisions which were sealed by a notary just before his departure. He did not take along a radio.

He drifted to the Canary Islands from Casablanca, Morocco, 600 miles to the northeast.

Coffee Machine Takes Place Of Brewing Artists

By RICHARD O'REGAN

VIENNA (AP)—A gleaming, chromium-plated coffee-making machine has caused a minor revolution in the sleepy coffee-houses of Vienna.

The gadget is the Italian "expresso" machine—old to Italy, but a postwar "shocker" for Vienna's conservative coffee-house proprietors. It forces steam through minutely-ground coffee and produces a strong, syrup-thick brew served demi-tasse.

Vienna's 1,245 coffee-houses were among the most famous in Europe. For years, they lived on the reputation of the quiet pace of their parlors and on their multiple ways of serving coffee. Coffee making was looked upon as an art, to be passed from father to son.

The war reduced many of the middle class to the ranks of the poor. The tradition and skill of the coffee-makers failed to attract customers.

About two years ago, a coffee-house owner rebuilding his store imported an expresso machine. He set it atop a glass bar with colored lights and substituted high, steel stools for the customary, dignified plush chairs.

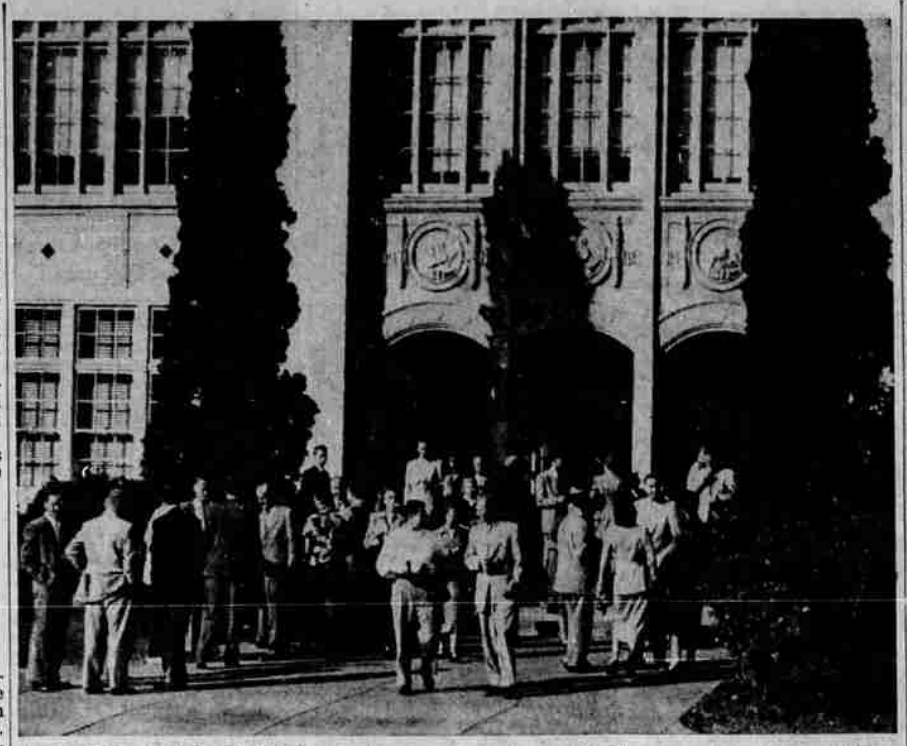
It was a violation of all traditions. But the coffee was quick and tasty and the expresso bar was jammed.

The expresso machine has now taken the city by storm. Back-alley coffee-houses where curtains haven't been changed for decades are beginning to sport the device.

"And business is better," reported a Chamber of Trade official. "The coffee-house owners report that people drop into their places and ask for a quick cup of expresso and then go out again without hardly a stop.

went to a coffee-house stayed there

"In the old days, a person who —to read the newspapers, to talk, to discuss business, to play chess, to have a game of billiards."



TEACHERS WERE STUDENTS for a time Thursday and Friday when they gathered from throughout the County for the annual teachers' workshop held here. In this picture they were shown gathered at the entrance to the Senior High School's main building. An estimated 550 school teachers attended speeches, discussion groups and a final panel discussion during the two-day conference. Theme for the meeting was "Slow Learners and Gifted Children." (Picture by Paul Jenkins).s).

Benefit Sale Slated At Voting Precincts

HOPEWELL, Va. (AP) — Voting may be a sticky business here on Nov. 4.

The city council has authorized a sorority to sell coffee and doughnuts at the five voting precincts. Proceeds will go toward buying a new x-ray unit for the city health department.

LISTENING ATTENTIVELY to a sectional meeting talk at the Douglas County Teachers' Workshop held Thursday and Friday at the Senior High School are these County educators. Their speaker in this particular meeting was Paulus Heist, Oregon State College assistant professor of psychology. He spoke on "Objectives for Working with Gifted Students." (Picture by Paul Jenkins).

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Rulings Anent T-H Act Slated In High Court

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Supreme Court Monday agreed to rule whether unions violate the Taft-Hartley labor law by causing members to lose jobs for breaking union rules.

The issue was raised in two appeals. In one Williard Christian Fowler charged the AFL Radio Officers' Union caused the Bull Steamship Company discriminatorily to refuse him employment.

In the other, James Frank Boston, a truck driver, charged the AFL International Brotherhood of Teamsters, Local No. 41, caused the Byers Transportation Company to deprive him of work assignments.

The Taft-Hartley act makes it an unfair labor practice for a union to try to cause an employer to discriminate against a worker, in violation of a sub-section of the act.

The sub-section makes it an unfair labor practice for an employer "by discrimination in regard to hire or any term or condition of employment to encourage or discourage membership in any labor organization."

Ruling Hits Union

In the first case involving the Taft-Hartley act, Fowler said he was accused of violating union rules by not getting "clearance" from a union official before making arrangements to take a job on a Bull Company vessel, the S. S. Frances, in New York.

The company, unable to get a union O.K. on Fowler, gave the job to another man provided by the union.

The National Labor Relations Board, and later the U. S. Circuit Court in New York, decided the union violated the Taft-Hartley section.

The union appealed to the Supreme Court to overturn the decisions. I tcontended they were based on an assumption that discrimatory conduct constituted "inherent" encouragement of union membership.

In the truck driver's case, Boston failed to pay his union dues for June, 1950 until July 5, 1950. Then he paid up for June and July.

About July 15 his union compiled a new job seniority list, reducing his standing from 18th to 54th, the bottom spot.

The union submitted the list to The Byers Company. As a result, Boston said he was deprived of job assignments which he would otherwise have obtained.

The NLRB found this seniority reduction constituted discrimination against Boston and said it must have "encouraged" union members to pay dues promptly, thus maintaining their membership in good standing.

The board said the union violated the Taft-Hartley section, but its ruling was set aside by the U.S. Circuit Court in St. Louis. The board then appealed to the Supreme Court.

Stevenson Endorsed By Teamsters Union

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The AFL International Brotherhood of Teamsters, in convention here, adopted a resolution endorsing Gov. Adlai Stevenson and Sen. John Sparkman.

The endorsement of the Democratic standard bearers came with approval of the Democratic platform. The resolution paid tribute to Stevenson's policies, which the teamsters said closely followed those of the AFL.

Stevenson spoke briefly to the 2,000 delegates, telling them that "I am glad to feel men like you are enlisted on the same side, and I think you know where I stand and where the Democratic party stands."

Prices Announced For 1953 Models Of Dodge Autos

DETROIT (AP) — Chrysler's Dodge division will sell its 1953 model cars for from $1,882 to $2,499, it announced Friday. The price range for the 1952 line was from $1,749.43 to $2,843.

The prices are factory figures at Detroit and do not include federal taxes and delivery charges.

What the new prices may mean in establishing a general trend is difficult to determine because Dodge is introducing an entirely new line of eight-cylinder cars and discontinuing several models that were built in the 1952 line.

It lists five six-cylinder models for 1953 against nine this year. Added are five eight-cylinder units. The 1953 sixes range in price from $1,882 for the special club coupe to $2,072 for the "suburban" model.

In the 1952 line the sixes went from $1,749.43 to $2,843.75.

The only comparable model listed for both 1952 and 1953, the Meadowbrook "6" four-door sold for 53 cents more this year than it will in the 1953 line. The 1953 price will be $2,007.

News Barriers Laid To Doctors And Hospitals

COLUMBUS, O. (AP) — The Ohio State Medical Journal in its current issue reports there probably are areas in Ohio where the biggest news barriers are doctors and hospitals.

It makes this editorial observation after commenting on an Associated Press survey in Oregon which revealed physicians and medical institutions were the biggest news barriers in that state, worse than the police, political offices and the armed services.

"Obviously, such a situation is not good for the medical professions, the news channels or the public," the Journal said. "It needs correcting."

The Journal said it can be corrected to a large degree by conferences between the medical and news professions.

"Codes to govern the reporting and the giving of medical news are working well in some communities," the medical magazine notes..

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