

Estimated Five Million Farmers Would Be Included Under Social Security Bill

WASHINGTON — An estimated 5 million farmers would be blanketed into the federal social security program if the Senate passes a bill in the form approved overwhelmingly this week by the House.

Farmers constitute half of the additional 10 million people in all walks of life who would become eligible for social security benefits for the first time if the bill becomes law.

Largest of the farm groups which would be made eligible is an estimated 3,600,000 self-

employed farm owners or operators whose net earnings from farm self-employment total \$400 or more a year.

The measure calls for a simplified income reporting procedure for low-income farm operators taking part in the social security program. Generally, if their gross income does not exceed \$1,800 a year, such farmers could report either their net actual earnings as determined on their income tax forms, or 50 per cent of the gross income.

Operators with gross income in

excess of \$1,800 a year from farm operations would have to compute net earnings for social security purposes. Rentals received in the form of crop shares would be excluded from gross income for this purpose.

Under the social security program an individual's earnings—up to a certain point—determine what he gets out of it when he retires. Farmers with net earnings of \$400 or less from self-employment would pay no social security taxes and receive no credit toward

benefits.

The second group of farmers who would become eligible are hired hands who are paid at least \$200 by the same employer during a calendar year.

This group an estimated 1,300,000, is in addition to 700,000 farm workers now covered because they receive at least \$50 pay during a calendar quarter from the same employer and are technically "regularly employed."

Actual benefits to the farm groups would be based on earnings and the individual's contribu-

tion to the social security fund. Contributions are made by employers and employees on the first \$3,600 of annual income—but this base would be boosted to \$4,200 by the proposed new law. A covered employe would receive, in any

event, a minimum benefit of \$30 monthly after reaching the age of 65.

The bill's provisions affecting new beneficiary groups would not become effective until next January 1.

RACING CONTINUES

HOT SPRINGS, Ark. — The Oaklawn Jockey Club will continue to operate the horse racing track here at least through 1965.

A 10-year extension of Oaklawn's current franchise was granted by the Arkansas Racing Commission at the conclusion of the 31-day 1954 season.



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SERIOUS SIDE — On the portico of the White House, President Eisenhower engages in a serious conversation with Republican Senator Charles E. Potter of Michigan, a member of Senate investigating subcommittee. The President had just been host at breakfast to the Marching and Chowder Club, a group of young congressmen.

Solemn Blessings Are Given To Skull Of Joseph Haydn

VIENNA, Austria — In a ceremony strange even for music-minded Vienna, a Prince of the Church Saturday gave his solemn blessing to a skull separated for 145 years from the body of famed composer Joseph Haydn.

Archbishop of Vienna Theodor Cardinal Innitzer led a procession of the city's top officials to a pedestal in Muskyerein Building bearing the skull, stolen from Haydn's coffin a few days after his burial.

Austrian President Theodor Koerner, Chancellor Julius Raab and members of the diplomatic corps led by the Papal Nuncio, Msgr. Giovanni Dellepiane,

watched as Cardinal Innitzer blessed the skull before its reunion with Haydn's other earthly remains.

With a hearse bearing the skull in the lead, a motorcade departed for the market town of Eisenstadt in Russian-occupied Burgenland Province, where Haydn's coffin rests in a picturesque baroque church.

It was Joseph Rosenbaum, secretary to Haydn's sponsor, Prince Esterhazy, who severed the skull from the body after doctors bribed him. The physicians wanted to examine the head of a great musician.

By the end of World War I, the skull had traveled over the years through the hands of two doctors into the possession of the Vienna Academy of Music.

The academy had just agreed to hand over the skull to the Esterhazy family, which wanted to reunite skull and body, when the present Prince Esterhazy, a Hungarian citizen, was arrested with Josef Cardinal Mindszenty and sentenced to 15 years imprisonment.

The town of Eisenstadt, where Haydn's remains rest, is the home of the Esterhazys. Since the Russians have already confiscated the prince's Eisenstadt estate, there were some fears that the skull might be seized as Hungarian property. But the Vienna academy decided to take the risk and the ceremony went ahead.

Hydrogen Blast Officer Relieved

WASHINGTON — Maj. Gen. Percy W. Clarkston, who was in charge of the hydrogen test blasts in the Pacific in 1952 and this year, will give up this month his post of deputy Army commander in the Pacific area.

The Army announced the change Saturday, but said Clarkston will continue to command Joint Task Force 7, moving his headquarters from Ft. Shafter, Hawaii, to Washington. The joint task force is the combined Army-Navy-Air Force unit which was charged with handling the hydrogen bombs tests.

Clarkston had been deputy Pacific commander since August, 1950, and had held both posts since July 1951. No successor was announced immediately to replace him in the Army post.

Clarkston had been due to retire and there has been speculation that he would be succeeded as joint task force commander by Rear Adm. Charles B. Momsen, now commander of the 1st Naval District in New England. There was no comment from the Pentagon Saturday on that possibility.

Construction Started On Lincoln Courthouse

NEWPORT, Ore. — Construction of the new Lincoln County courthouse is under way here.

The Junction City firm of Wall, Bertran and Sanford started the job on a \$169,000 contract. A contract for the rest of the project, cost of which is estimated at \$295,489, will be let after July 1.

It was necessary to have two contracts because only \$180,000 was raised in the first year of a special levy to pay for the courthouse. A similar amount will be available after July 1 when the second year of the levy begins.

Harrowing 90-Mile Trip Down Alaska River Told

FAIRBANKS, Alaska — A 70-year-old couple told Saturday of a harrowing, 90-mile journey down the turbulent Forty Mile and Yukon Rivers on an improvised raft of oil barrels and canvas.

Mrs. Ed Janeau suffered a stroke at an isolated mining camp on Smith Creek, 32 miles up Forty Mile River. It caused paralysis of her left side.

Janeau put out emergency signs in the hopes of attracting passing aircraft but the signs went unnoticed.

In desperation he constructed the flimsy raft and with Mrs. Janeau, shot the dangerous Forty Mile rapids with the river higher than it had been in many years.

They floated down the Forty Mile to its mouth and from there 50 miles down the Yukon to Eagle, where they were picked up by Wien Alaska Airlines pilot Don Julshitz. They arrived here Friday and Mrs. Janeau was taken to Fairbanks Hospital.

Janeau and his wife have mined in Alaska for the past 40 years.

French Warplanes Hit Red Ammunition Dump

HANOI, Indochina — French warplanes blew up a Vietminh ammunition dump 35 miles east of here Saturday and dive bombed Communist-led rebel troops creeping toward this war capital on two roads.

A French Army spokesman said the dump apparently was "an emergency storage area for small arms and mortar ammunition."

Direct hits by thousand pound bombs were reported on Vietminh convoys on Routes 13 and 41, the roads the rebels are using to move toward Hanoi from Dien Bien Phu in a pincer move.

The most advanced Vietminh Column from Dien Bien Phu was reported 50 miles west of the Red River Delta defense perimeter.

Vietminh saboteurs cut rails on the vital supply line between Hanoi and the Haiphong seaport. A French briefing officer said the damage was quickly repaired and traffic only briefly delayed.

MONSOONS STRIKE
COLOMBO, Ceylon — Severe monsoon rains have driven 2,000 persons from their homes in the Galle area 70 mile south of this Ceylonese capital. Floods swept away houses and uprooted rubber trees.

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