

Medical Insurance Premium Increases

The voluntary medical insurance premium older people pay for doctor bill insurance under Medicare will go up 30¢ per month, beginning next July 1. Health, Education, and Welfare Secretary Elliot L. Richardson, announced today.

The new premium rate will be \$5.60 per month, up from the current \$5.30.

The increase, Secretary Richardson noted, amounts to only 5 percent, compared to a rate increase of 32 percent made last year, when the premium was raised by \$1.30 to \$4.00 to \$5.30.

Last year's increase was about double the amount that would have otherwise been required, he said, because the rate in the previous year had been kept at \$4.00, an amount inadequate to finance the program. It was necessary therefore to, in effect, make two increases at

Further, because the inadequate rate had depleted the trust fund, it was necessary last year to provide also for a higher margin for contingencies than is the case this year.

Last year, Secretary Richardson said, 24¢ (including 2¢ in interest earnings) was planned as a margin for contingencies. A variety of administrative actions have helped to hold down the cost of the program in this past year, he said, and it has not been necessary to use any of the planned contingency. In fact, it is now estimated that the margin over expenditures will turn out to be 26¢ rather than 24¢.

This is the first time since the Medicare program started, he said, that program costs for the Supplementary Medical Insurance program have been below the estimates. With the resulting growth in the trust fund, this year's premium rate can be safely set at a level that allows only 6¢ as a margin for contingencies.

The 30¢ increase is the net result of three items that are estimated to increase costs by 50¢ in fiscal year 1972, and then a reduction of 20¢ arising primarily because of the reduced margin for contingencies.

The items which make up the 50¢ increase are as follows:

- 31¢ to cover an estimated increase of 6.7 percent in the level of physicians' fees recognized by the program in fiscal year 1972;
- 10¢ to cover an estimated increase of 2 percent in the use of physicians' services;
- 9¢ to cover the estimated increase of 15 percent in cost and utilization of institutional services covered by the program (for example, for hospital out-patient and independent clinic services).

The medical insurance program supplements the basic hospital insurance part of Medicare by helping to pay doctor bills and a wide variety of other medical expenses in and out of the hospital. About 19.5 million people 65 and over are enrolled for this supplementary protection.

The premiums paid by people 65 and older who are enrolled cover half the cost of their protection. The other half comes out of general Federal Reserves. The Medicare law provides for an annual review of the costs of the medical insurance program and for the announcement of any necessary adjustment of the premium rate by January 1. The law requires



ANOTHER demonstration of low water beach adjacent to dock. Here Jack Smith shows new potential clamming area caused by heavy shoaling. Low water previously came up to rock near Smith's vehicle.

Wedding Told

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Dougherty are pleased to announce the marriage of their daughter Janet Marie, to Mr. Michael Gemperle, son of Mr. Fred Gemperle of Belvedere, Calif., and Mrs. Winifred Gemperle of San Francisco, Calif.

The young couple reside at 1906 SW Stadium Ave., Corvallis, where Gemperle is associated with the OSU Oceanography Department as a geophysicist.

and Mrs. Art Aldropp one day last week was Lou O'Neal from Security Industries at Boise, Id. He was here on business.

BEACHCOMBERS VISIT

Beachcombers square dancing with the Skyloft Squares on Jan. 9 were Mr. and Mrs. Roy Carr and son Billy, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Carr, Mr. and Mrs. M. McAllister, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Platt, and Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Kurzhall. Caller for the group was Tom Short of the Chetco Swingers.

LESSONS UNDERWAY

Square dance lessons are underway at the Cove in Port Orford. There is still time for beginners to start.

Jan. 24 is the last night for beginners to start square dance lessons, which are held from 4 to 6 p.m. on Sundays.

DANCE SCHEDULED

January 30 at 8:30 p.m. will be the South Coast Area Square Dance at the Cove. This dance is a jamboree and a large crowd is expected. Visitors are welcome.

VACATION IN ARIZONA

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Walen returned home this week from their two-month vacation in Arizona, and Southern California. While they were gone her brother and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Darryl Cline of Long Beach, Calif., took care of their place in Langlois.

HOLIDAYS IN HAWAII

Mrs. John Moore's niece and family, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Wilson and family of Portland, spent the Christmas holidays in Hawaii. He is loading operator and loads boats in Hawaii.

PATIENT

Bryce Barklow was a patient at the Southern Coos General Hospital two days this last week for a tonsilectomy.

Government Will Figure Income Taxes

A. G. Erickson, District Director for the State of Oregon, said today that taxpayers who wish to have the government figure their tax should complete Form 1040 as usual, but leave the computation lines blank, and mail the return to the IRS service center in Odgen, Utah. Further details are contained inside the front cover of the instructions that come with the Form 1040.

The IRS has offered to figure the tax for taxpayers who have income of \$20,000 or less consisting only of salaries, wages, tips, dividends, interest, pensions, and annuities, and who claim the standard deduction. The offer also includes figuring the retirement income credit for older taxpayers who meet the income and deduction requirements.

Taxpayers who wish to have their retirement income credit computed should follow the instructions at the top of Schedule R and attach that schedule to the Form 1040 being mailed to the service center, Mr. Erickson said.

Figuring of taxes will be done by computer at IRS service centers, not at local offices. After the tax is determined, taxpayers who have overpaid will be sent a refund, and those who owe additional tax will be sent a bill.

Mr. Erickson said that up to 30 million taxpayers, nationwide, may be eligible to take advantage of the IRS offer to figure their tax.

High Schools To Interview OSU Students

Principals and counselors from Oregon high schools have been invited to Oregon State University Monday, Mar. 1, for interviews with former students who are now attending the university.

The interview program is designed to provide a continuing evaluation of both high school and OSU academic advising programs, according to Waldo Bowers, assistant director of admissions and chairman of the program.

After morning briefings on new OSU programs and procedures that are of importance to high schools and prospective university students, the principals and counselors will have individual interviews with their graduates in the afternoon.

Talks will center around the adequacy of the high school's

Get Funds To Launch Pollution Attack

Oregon farmers have been allocated \$1,956,000 in Rural Environmental Assistance Program (REAP) funds to help them launch a major attack against pollution and carry out strict conservation practices in 1971, Senator Bob Packwood said Thursday.

"This is a heartening financial boost to help communities solve pollution and conservation problems, and it will be invaluable in encouraging small farmers to get actively involved in enduring conservation practices," Packwood said.

Packwood, the chief Senate proponent for increased emphasis on solving environmental problems of the nation's farms, introduced legislation last year asking for greater flexibility in administering funds of the Agricultural Conservation Program.

Highest priority will be given to programs which will help the individual farmer reap high or immediate benefits. All programs under this funding are scheduled to begin in early spring he said. But, he explained, farmers must apply for these funds under the same procedures used in previous years for Agricultural Conservation Programs.

REAP, however, is geared for modern day needs to allow cost-sharing for on and off-farm environment. "It will give farmers more assurance that federal funds will be allocated on a yearly basis because the Agriculture Department has said it will now seek funding for REAP each year."

Congress previously provided funding for ACP even though the Agriculture Department did not specifically request the funding. "This did not give farmers a desired continuity. The farmers never knew whether ACP would operate from one year to the next,"

college preparatory program, student progress and problems at OSU, and student suggestions for improvements in both the high school and university teaching and counseling programs.

The interview program began in 1952 with eight schools. Now, schools across the state are invited and at least 125 are expected to participate this year, Bowers indicated.

Some 53 students from Curry county attended OSU this past fall term, including 9 from Port Orford.

January Is Alien Deadline

William L. Pattillo, District Director of the Immigration and Naturalization Service, today urged all aliens in the State of Oregon who have not yet filled out alien address forms, to do so before January 31, at the nearest Immigration and Naturalization Service Office or local Post Office.

The Immigration Official pointed out that the law requires all non-citizens, except persons in diplomatic status and foreign representatives to certain international organizations, such as the United Nations, to report their addresses to the Government each January.

Pattillo added: "The parent or legal guardian of an alien child under 14 years of age must fill out the address report form for such a child in order to comply with the law."

He declared: "We have tried to make it as convenient as possible for non-citizens to meet the address report requirements; and, in view of serious penalties for willful violation, all persons subject to the address report law are urged to fulfill this obligation before the end of January."

Pattillo advised: "It is easy for an alien to meet this requirement. He just goes to the nearest Immigration and Naturalization Service Office or Post Office, fills out the address report form, and returns it to the clerk. Any non-citizen who is ill may send a friend or relative to obtain the card for him, and return it to the clerk after it has been completed by the alien."

The Immigration Official said 12,000 aliens in the State of Oregon have already filled reports. He estimated that 26,000 such reports will be submitted before January 31.

Packwood said: "A major thrust of the REAP practices will be to reduce water pollution. Water retaining and retarding measures on farms -- such as dams and ponds, permanent grass cover, waterways, buffer strips and tree planting -- will be encouraged. These will be directed toward reducing silt in streams, rivers, lakes and other bodies of water. Emphasis also will be toward reducing pollution from animal waste, fertilizer and pesticides," he said.

Program assistance from the Federal government generally represents about one half the total cost of each practice. Total funds allocated under REAP for the 50 States, Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands are \$150,000,000.

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MOTHER VISITS

Mrs. Gladys Caughell was a houseguest at her son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Caughell, a few days last week.

EXPRESSES APPRECIATION

Floyd Shortridge of Glen Flora Bogs is now home from Southern Coos General Hospital after a one-week stay. He is doing fine now. Mrs. Shortridge wished to express her appreciation to the ambulance service and the fact that she was able to call them in the middle of the night. Also appreciation of the hospital service he received during his stay.

that the premium rate be set at a point estimated to be sufficient to cover all expenses incurred during each premium period with an allowance for contingencies.

FRIENDS VISIT

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Stanford of Coquille and Mr. and Mrs. Nolan Bowman of Fort Dick, Calif., were callers at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Edwards this week.

EMPIRE VISITORS

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Lareau of Empire were visitors one day last week of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Hildebrand.

ENJOY PINOCHLE

Mrs. Gerald Kamph was hostess for the January 13 pinochle party held at her home. Mrs. Kamph served a sandwich and salad lunch. Players for the day were Mrs. Harry Strain, Mrs. Carl Platt, Mrs. Dick Everest, Mrs. Rayburn Guerin, Mrs. Adolph Molhu, Mrs. Bob Roberts, Mrs. Gale Stevenson and daughter Linda, Mrs. Mary Suf-

fern, Mrs. Glen Shanton, Mrs. Tom Shepherd and the hostess Mrs. Gerald Kamph.

High score winner for the day was Mrs. Harry Strain, and low score winner was Mrs. Dick Everest.

CLUB MEETS

The Floras Willow club met at the home of Mrs. Harley Hiltbrand on Thursday, January 14, for a business meeting. Nine members were present at the meeting.

The next business meeting is scheduled for Feb. 11 at the Sportsman Clubhouse at 1 p.m. Mrs. Linda Guerin and Mrs. George Edwards will be the hostess and co-hostess.

The next work meeting will be at the home of Mrs. Hazel Hofess on January 28 at 10 a.m. Everyone is asked to bring a covered dish.

HOUSE GUEST

Brenda Barklow was a houseguest of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Shepherd Monday and Tuesday of this week.

OVERNIGHT GUEST

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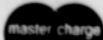
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