

Social Security Rates Go Up

The social security tax rate for persons whose work counts toward old-age and survivors insurance is scheduled to increase on the first of January, 1954, Claude E. Dawson, manager of the Eugene social security office, 1247 Willamette street, reminded employers, employees, and self-employed people today.

This scheduled increase in tax contribution is in accordance with the 1950 amendments to the social security law, and was enacted by Congress in anticipation of future obligations of the program.

Employees in jobs covered by the law will have 2 per cent instead of the present 1½ per cent deducted from their pay beginning with the first of January up to earnings of \$3600 a year; their employers will contribute an equal amount.

The new rates will apply to all taxable wages paid after December 31, 1953, regardless of when earned.

The social security tax for the self-employed is scheduled to increase from the present 2¼ per cent to 3 per cent, for the period commencing January 1, 1954. Since the self-employed whose work is covered by the law pay their tax just once yearly at the time of filing their Federal income tax return, they will pay the present 2¼ per cent social security tax on their 1953 income that counts toward social security. This will be due not later than March 15, 1954. Their first payments at the increased rate of 3 per cent will be due March 15, 1955, for the calendar year 1954.

In the meantime the Internal Revenue Service reports that employers will be furnished late this year with income tax withholding tables and Federal Insurance Contributions Act (social security taxes) tables reflecting rates applicable next year.

The next scheduled increase, six years from now, in 1960, will be to 2½ per cent each for employer and employee, and to 3½ per cent for the self-employed.

Eagles to Dance

Members of the Fraternal Order of Eagles and their guests will celebrate the New Year with a dance New Year's eve. The dance will be at Jaklewicz's Anchorage, and will begin about 8 o'clock.

Christianity is Christlike only as it reiterates the word, repeats the works, and manifests the spirit of Christ.

—Mary Baker Eddy



An impressive group of native dignitaries, who observed the festivities during the evening. All local Cubs participated in the frolic, which was held at the Odd-Fellows Hall.

Just About Folks

MAKE QUICK TRIP

Mrs. Violet Schiewe and her twin sister, Mrs. George Mosier, left Christmas night for the San Francisco area where they spent Saturday and Sunday with their father, Donavan Ticknor, in San Carlos. Another visitor was an uncle whom they had not seen for a number of years.

The two Vi's returned to Brookings Monday morning.

CONVALESCING AT SEAVIEW HOSPITAL

Three men from the Brookings-Harbor area, Lee Drorbaugh, Earl Simpson and Mike Page, are all in Seaview hospital following surgery.

Dr. Ronniger reports all three are doing fine.

OSTENBERGS AWAY

Mr. and Mrs. Karl Ostenberg and family left Thursday morning for the Bay area.

The plan to spend two days in Petaluma with Mrs. Ostenberg's parents, and a couple of days in San Francisco on business.

They plan to return to Brookings next Wednesday.

PAYNES HAVE REUNION

The Payne family had their Christmas party and dinner in the VFW Hall with about 50 at the tables. This is an annual event and the Payne kin frequently travel quite a distance to attend.

SMITHS RETURN

Mr. and Mrs. Warren Smith returned Wednesday morning from a holiday trip to Washington.

MR. STUNZ HERE

Earl Stunz of Nyssa, Ore., is visiting in Brookings for a few days with his sister, Mrs. Miss Akers. Mr. Stunz was called to Roseburg by the birth of a grandchild, and is combining his visit there with his stay with the Akers family.

MIKE HAS A SISTER

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Sergeant, Grants Pass, are the parents of a daughter, Brenda Sue, born December 19. Mr. Sergeant taught in the local high school for a number of years before accepting the position at Grants Pass High school last fall. Their address is 459 N.E. Baker Drive.

A Christmas card from Mr. and Mrs. Dan Johnson, nee Shirley Sisk, gave word that Shirley was working at the Oregonian in the dispatch department.

YOUNG IN HOSPITAL

Charles Young entered Seaview hospital Wednesday, for a minor operation. He is expected home in four or five days.

ARRELLS HAVE VISITORS

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Watson of Coquille are visiting at the home of their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Frenchy Arrell, over the holidays. They'll be here for two weeks.

Mrs. Arrell's brother, Wayne Watson, and family from Coquille were also here for Christmas.

MANLEYS HOME

Mr. and Mrs. Clive Manley returned Monday from Fairfax, Calif., where they spent Christmas with Mrs. Manley's mother, Mrs. Edward Graff.

MOTHER HERE

Mrs. Anna Muchmore of Salem spent the holidays at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Mildred Byrne, in Brookings, returning Tuesday. Also here was Mrs. Byrne's daughter, Joanne, who is home from school in Arizona.

WINS HOUSE

Mrs. Ruth English was the winner of the gingerbread house made by Margaret Phillips and given away Christmas Eve by Phillips Dad 'n' Lad.

WINS BOY DOLL

You can throw away your tickets now. Sam Gillette claimed Tots to Teens Boy Doll in time for Christmas.

New 4-H Club Publications Ready for Members

Seven new publications for Oregon 4-H club members have been issued by the state 4-H club department. These mimeographed publications will enlarge the scope of 4-H activities in Oregon, according to Burton Hutton, state leader.

Three of the seven publications are project outlines which list purposes, requirements, opportunities and suggestions for club members.

Revised requirements for the Oregon 4-H saddle horse project have been developed to put the project on a par with other 4-H livestock projects. E. L. Potter, professor emeritus of agricultural economics at Oregon State college, has prepared two pamphlets on horsemanship and horse training. One is for beginners and one for advanced riders.

New exhibits for 4-H forestry divisions I and II have been outlined for club members by Charles R. Ross, extension farm forestry specialist. The 1954 exhibit may consist of pressed specimens instead of the forestry board formerly exhibited. Mounting cards for the pressed specimens will be furnished by the state 4-H club office at OSC.

A revised crops project outline and a new record book have been developed by W. G. Nibler, extension specialist in farm crops. The project includes such crops as corn, potatoes, small grains, forage seed crops and others. Members of the 4-H crops project will have an opportunity to choose either an ownership, partnership or management plan in doing

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project work in 1954. The record book will count as 50 per cent of the club member's crop exhibit.

A revised sheep project listing all the requirements and suggestions under one cover has also been published by the state office.

Cal G. Monroe, state 4-H club agent, participated in the development of the new publications.

Offices Completed In City Hall

New construction at the city hall has resulted in two new rooms for city officials.

Newly completed offices have been built for City Building Inspector O. D. Arp, and for City Recorder Gladys Kanick. A new restroom has also been finished.

Completion of the offices gives the city hall a large meeting room for public functions and council meetings which will not hamper the work of the city hall staff.

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