

2248 Here Draw Social Security Benefits, Board's Report Shows

Two thousand two hundred forty-eight monthly old-age and survivors insurance benefits were in force at the end of 1945 in the area served by the Eugene office of the social security board, an increase of 898 over the number in force on Dec. 31, 1944, Carl D. Monroe, manager, said in a statement of the activities of the office during 1945.

One thousand one hundred twenty-three of these monthly benefits were being paid to residents of Lane county. In giving his estimates, which are subject to minor revision, Monroe said that the increase over the year in benefits in force amounted to 45 per cent.

The increase in benefits in force, by quarter, in the year that saw the end of the war in Europe and that against Japan were approximately 10 per cent for the first quarter; 8 per cent for the second quarter; 7 per cent for the third quarter; and 13 per cent for the fourth quarter (which was the only full quarter of the year during which the United States was not at war).

Approximately \$40,530 in monthly benefits was being paid at the end of 1945 to men, women, and children of this area, Monroe said. This is an increase of about \$14,438 over the total being paid at the end of 1944.

The service area of the Eugene office includes Lane, Douglas, Coos, Curry, and Josephine counties.

The number in the different classes of beneficiaries and the monthly benefit amounts received during the year were approximately as follows:

No.	Monthly Benefit Amount
Retired workers, aged 65 or over	1117 \$25.259
Wives, 65 or over, of retired workers	274 3.480
Widows with young children	175 3.296
Widows of deceased or retired workers	591 6.911
Aged widows of workers	84 1.490

Monthly benefits are also paid to aged dependent parents of fully insured workers who die without leaving a wife or child. Lump sum death payments were made in 1945 to 264 persons in cases in which the deceased wage earner was survived by no person entitled to monthly benefits. These lump sum payments amounted to approximately \$29,841.

Monroe said that a marked increase in the number of applicants for old-age and survivors insurance benefits following the end of the war had been anticipated. Many persons who have been eligible for benefits have delayed filing in order to help out in the war industries and other important tasks. Their retirement in increasing number is expected. "I should like to pass on a word of advice or caution to those per-

4065 Students Now Attending U. of O.

The year 1946 promises to inaugurate one of the greatest eras in American history for home repairs and modernization, according to estimates released by the Title Council of America. "Few developments will contribute more to employment and general prosperity in any community," according to R. E. Jordan, chairman of the council's residential construction committee.

Because of lack of materials and manpower during the war, majority of the county's 22,195 dwelling units are in need of some kind of repair or remodeling work. Kitchen improvements and modernization of bathrooms, installation of tiled showers and in some homes addition of a second bath top the nation's list of most wanted major improvements, Jordan said.

Outside paint jobs are needed on more than 50 per cent of homes, and addition of roofs and construction of porches also rank high in remodeling plans, according to the report. New roofing and heating plants are required by many dwellings.

More than \$2,885,000 is expected to be spent during the next five years by Lane county home owners on remodeling and repair work.

Home owners in Oregon will spend an estimated \$48,290,000 and those of the nation more than \$5,500,000,000 for major repairs alone in the next five years, according to Jordan.

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Postwar Divorces Hit 35 In Single Day

Lane county's post-war divorce boom is no longer for future conjecture. It is current. Thirty-five couples are no longer man and wife after decrees were granted in Judge George Skipworth's circuit Tuesday afternoon.

The 70 people involved, including a goodly sprinkling of "over there" boys, are:

Edith Kline vs. James Kline, Minnie Bettger vs. Benjamin Bettger, Ernest W. Eidler vs. Ruby Eichler, Joseph Herskowitz vs. Beverly Herskowitz, Bessie M. Parmenter vs. Elmer C. Parmenter, LaVerna L. Grimmer vs. Ray L. Grimmer, Mary E. Bailey vs. Laird T. Bailey, LaDoris Virginia C. Eskridge vs. David B. Eskridge, Thelma Jean Shelton vs. Boyd A. Shelton, Dorland L. Hammer vs. Evelyn V. Hammer.

Richard S. Sholdebrand vs. Wilma Louise Sholdebrand, H. C. Schmeling vs. Grace E. Schmeling, Edward E. Neff vs. Rose E. Neff, Barbara Castle vs. Clifford Eldon Castle, George Calvert vs. Mary E. Calvert, Juanita June Adams vs. Richard L. Adams, Albert Jungling vs. Dorothy Irene Jungling.

Donovan Foster vs. Ethel Marie Foster, Margaret Kathryn Parsons vs. Kenneth Wayne Parsons.

Omar Kelsay vs. Lovelace B. Kelsay, Florence Elizabeth Westphall vs. Charles Frederick Westphall, Robert J. Carson vs. Sarah Fern Carson, Orville J. Monroe vs. Ethel J. Monroe, Jessie Elizabeth King vs. A. Leo King, Chester B. Otterness vs. Eunice Mae Otterness.

Vera Erma Schulze vs. Henry Schulze, Elliott L. Wilson vs. Mary E. Wilson, Wilbur H. Rupe vs. Errol S. Rupe, Leona Campbell Prince vs. Delvin A. Prince, Muriel McConnell vs. Burt R. McConnell, Claudia Leone Leach vs. Milton A. Leach, Jane Mary Dow vs. Frederick Calvin Dow, Virginia Bessey vs. S. G. Bessey, and Ethel Ahern vs. J. I. Ahern.

Ceilings For Courts, Hotels, Must Be Posted

Operators of hotels, rooming houses and auto courts must establish with the OPA rent control office here, rental rates which will cover fully all numbers of occupants of their accommodations, warns C. M. Bidwell, area rent representative.

These rates, he said, must be posted in each unit offered for rent. Bidwell comments that this rule has not been observed in many instances in Lane county, and that transient tenants, some times have had no way of knowing ceiling prices for their rooms, especially when there were three or more occupants.

Campus Fire Safety Improvement Goal

"Since many of the six or seven school fires a day which occur in the United States are in dormitories or other student dwellings, the fire department has pledged itself to redouble its efforts to make the community's campus life more fire-safe," Fire Chief W. E. Nusbaum announces.

"A few months ago the nation was shocked when a fraternity house fire took two lives and injured six other occupants. The fire was caused by sparks from a fireplace which was left ablaze and unattended when the students went to bed. We must guard against such fire accidents in our community," said the chief.

With the cooperation of the University of Oregon authorities, the chief and his staff will inspect heating equipment, chimneys, fireplaces, electrical wiring, exits, fire escapes and spontaneous ignition centers (such as attics, closets and cellars) to see that all is in repair and good order wherever students are housed.

In addition to checking the usual fire hazards such as frayed electrical cords, overloaded outlets and dangerously placed supplementary heaters, the fire inspectors will examine hand fire extinguishers to see that they are

filled and ready for use.

The chief advocated that house mothers and their charges learn how to use fire extinguishers and that the students cooperate further by staging a fire drill once a month so that, if fire should occur, they would know what to do.

"After the holidays, when the college social life starts again, parties and visiting house guests increase the danger from careless smoking and other fire-hazardous habits," pointed out the chief. "School authorities join me in asking students and their friends to be careful during their celebrations to prevent the disaster which comes in the wake of fire. I urge all campus dwellers to cooperate in our fire safety campaign."

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homes because a son or a brother has been in the navy, Thomas A. McGinnis, recruiter in charge of the navy recruiting station in this area, remarked in pointing out that navy men are experienced world travelers.

"Ships of our navy," he said, "at some time or other contact all of the interesting ports of the world." "It is customary in peace time for commanding officers to arrange educational tours ashore for members of the ship's company to historic and geographical points of interest.

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