Social Security Administrator Tells of Claim Filing Necessity

In reviewing the activities of the local Social Security Administration field office, Paul F. Johnson, new manager of the Eugene office, noted that over 3000 monthly old-age and survivors insurance benefits are in force in this area. The Eugene office serves Lane, Douglas, Coos, Curry, and Josephine Counties.

Johnson pointed out that this office has no means of notifying all workers or survivors when they become eligible for benefits under the old-age and survivors insurance program.

Two Times

He emphasized that there are two times when persons who may be eligible for old-age and survivors insurance benefits should visit the field office and take action to safeguard their full benefit rights.

The worker himself, if he has been employed in industry or commerce, should visit the field office when he reaches 65. There he can learn the status of his account and get valuable information as to when he should file application for benefits.

The other visit should be paid without delay by a member of the immediate family, or other near relative, of a worker in covered employment who dies, at whatever age.

This contact with the field office by survivors is important to avoid possible loss of monthly benefits. Many persons do not realize that widows, children, and, in some instances, aged dependent parents may be eligible for substantial monthly benefits.

They do not realize that these benefits do not come automatically, and that claims must be filed for all benefits.

The Social Security Administration's office here operates solely for direct service to residents of this area, Johnson pointed out. Advice by the field office personnel on how and when to file claims as well as on any other matter in connection with the old-age and survivors insurance program is absolutely free and will be gladly given, he emphasized.

If it is impossible to visit the office, Johnson added, a letter will bring the desired service or information.

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Guest Puts On Big Show

MINNEAPOLIS— (U.P.) —Police decided here that 32-year-old Leewood Giles was one of the most unusual guests they've had for some time.

Officials were checking the financial background of the Bozeman, Mont., prisoner who occupied hospital rooms, although he was not sick, and arranged parades of used cars past his windows.

Giles took rooms in two hospitals for the last week, complaining of a stomach ache, police said. Before entering the hospitals he allegedly engaged Raymond Knaeble, 21, Minneapolis, to represent him with used car dealers. Authorities said Knaeble's job was to contact dealers and have their cars driven past Giles' hospital window.

Giles, police said, would be at the window and direct Knaeble which autos to buy. In this manner, he is reported to have acquired $50,000 worth of used cars, paid for with checks given to Knaeble.

The scheme was halted when doctors at the second hospital became suspicious of the parade of cars. They examined Giles and found he was sound as a dollar.

The car dealers, however, said the checks were not as sound. They bounced.

Giles was held on an open charge pending the investigation. Authorities said he had a Montana police record.

Baby Sitter Faces Negligence Charge

HOLLYWOOD — (U.P.) — Babysitter Agnes Sori, 38, was accused Monday of endangering her year-old charge by pushing him down the street in a go-cart while she was drunk.

Police arrested her Sunday and booked her on a charge of placing a minor child in jeopardy.

The baby, Chris Hardy, was taken to Hollywood police station where he was reclaimed Monday by his father, Radio Commentator Glenn Hardy, who had been on a trip to Palm Springs.

Glenwood Postoffice Opens Wednesday

The first branch office of the Eugene postoffice to be opened since the war will be ready to serve the people in the Glenwood area at 9 a.m. Wednesday morning.

More than 3200 Glenwood residents will be accommodated by this new contract station located in the Stohl and Dorsey Hardware Co. near the Springfield Junction Y.

The station will be open daily from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and pickups will be made to meet all train connections. Residents can purchase money orders and stamps, send packages by COD or insured, register letters, and of course, mail letters and parcels.

Gretchen Fraser Gets High British Honor

SUN VALLEY, Idaho — (AP) — Mrs. Gretchen Fraser, America's first Olympic champion, this week received the Perry medal, Britain's highest ski award.

She became the first American to be given the honor and the third non-British resident.

Minted especially for Mrs. Fraser at the royal mint in London, the medal was accompanied by a letter from the Earl of Limerick, donator of the award.

Mrs. Fraser is now at Sun Valley where she has turned professional to appear in ski movies.

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Fire Guards Class to Start

Fire guard school opens Wednesday for about 40 boys and young men who will help protect the Willamette National Forest areas during the summer months.

The first session of this two-period school will last through Friday. Another group will take similar instruction for three days next week.

After receiving instruction in the fundamentals of fire fighting, handling equipment, and fire detection, the men will be sent to stations in the Willamette area, ranging from Mt. Hood to Diamond Peak on the Western slopes of the Cascade mountains.

Free Film Showing Set for Wednesday

As part of the summer session recreation program a series of short movies will be shown free to the public Wednesday at 8 p. m. in 207 Chapman Hall on the University of Oregon campus.

They will include "And So They Live," demonstrating the gap btween the everyday needs of the community and the kind of education in the schools; "Library of Congress," describing the personnel and services of the institution; "Schools to the South," educational programs of various Latin American countries; and "Brazil," showing Rio de Janeiro, Santos, and Sao Paulo.

Flooded Farm Plantings Okayed

PORTLAND — (AP) — Flooded farms may safely plant fall crops this year providing they include no root vegetables, assistant Multnomah County agent N. F. Sommer said here.

Health officials agreed that there would be no pollution danger if farmers seed only aboveground vegetables such as cabbage, tomatoes, brussel sprouts, and kale.

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