

# Social Security Changes Asked

## Proposal Calls For Army Program

WASHINGTON —(AP)— Extension of the Social Security System to cover members of the Armed Forces, and a nationwide system of hospital and sickness insurance for the aged were proposed Saturday by J. Altmeyer of the Social Security Administration.

He also proposed that present Social Security benefits be increased.

"THE MOST important need for extending the protection of old age and survivors insurance is in the field of military service," Altmeyer said in his annual report to the President and Congress.

The Armed Forces now have their own retirement system, generally more liberal than Social Security, but Altmeyer said many of those serving now will get no lasting benefits from it because they will not remain in the Armed Forces.

Many, in fact, lose Social Security credit previously built up, he said.

HE ADVOCATED that Congress take two steps: (A) Extension of wage credits, for Social Security purposes, of \$160 a month for active military service between the end of World War II and the present; and (B) eventual coverage of all military personnel under the old age social security system.

Social Security benefit costs are met by a payroll tax, now 1 1/2 per cent of earnings on the employer and 1 1/2 per cent on the employee.



SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE for this year's YMCA Youth legislative convention in Eugene is Douglas G. Raines, Salem. He was elected at a preliminary convention in Eugene. A dozen Eugene and Springfield HI-Y members were also elected as members of the youth legislature, and will take part in the two-day session of boys from dozens of Oregon cities.

# Traction Firm Resumes Union Contract Talks

PORTLAND, Ore. —(AP)— Representatives of the Portland Traction Co. and employees of the firm resumed negotiations Saturday on a new contract. The talks are expected to be resumed Sunday.

Hopes for settlement of the dispute are high after the Portland city council Friday approved an increase in bus fares to 15 cents per ride. Both the PTC and union officials hailed the increase as the basis for resumption of talks.

THE WORD "SPOONING" comes from medieval lovers' custom of giving spoons to their sweethearts.

# Business Analyst Discusses Gloomy Side of Steel Crisis

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ings forecasts for major industries during 1952. After each industry, however, there is also given the percentage of change in earnings that 1951 represented as compared with 1950. Most of these show that the few expected gains will be on the basis of a 1951 drop.

**1952 GAIN OF 10% OR MORE**  
Carpets, from -89% last year; aircraft, from -54; autos and trucks, from -38; radio and television, from -34; food chains, from -34; department stores, from -26; electric power, from -2; natural gas, from plus 3; and shipbuilding, which showed a 1950 deficit.

**1952 GAIN OF LESS THAN 10%**  
Soap, from -44% last year; textiles and apparel, from -20; five-and-dime chains, from -18; electrical equipment, from -18; brewing, from -18; shoes, from -15; railroads, from -12; and oil, from plus 17.

**NOT MUCH CHANGE**  
Hard floor coverings, from -35% last year; packaged foods, -25; auto parts, -24; printing and publishing, -22; tobacco products, -21; biscuit bakers, -21; dairy products, -17; soft drinks, -15; drugs, -3; industrial equipment, no change, 1950-51; rail equipment, plus 13; oil well equipment, plus 13; air transport, plus 26; and shipping, plus 43.

**1951 DECLINE OF LESS THAN 10%**  
Motion pictures, down from

# Bayly Has Plan For Courthouse

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County would have difficulty accumulating a million dollars for a new courthouse in any other manner, and he suggested that the two types of O&C monies be budgeted this year for a courthouse building fund.

He also pointed out that receipts from national forest timber sales are expected to increase from around \$728,000 to about \$1,000,000 in the coming fiscal year.

This added revenue, he said, would insure that all regular county functions — including a "normal" amount of road-building — could be adequately provided for in the 1952-53 budget.

Judge Bayly indicated he would

# Michigan GOP Strength Split

DETROIT —(AP)—Michigan Republicans—hopelessly split between Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower and Sen. Robert A. Taft for president—voted Saturday to send its delegation unpledged to the GOP presidential nominating convention.

However, Eisenhower backers, led by John Feikens, claimed a 2 to 1 edge over Taft for delegate support.

Charles King, head of the Michigan-for-Taft group, declined to estimate the senator's strength among the 38 district delegates and 10 delegates-at-large.

Despite their optimism, those in the "I-Like-Ike" group could claim only three definitely pledged votes, against two for Taft. An informal poll of the remaining delegates indicated a 50-50 split.

# Idaho Goes to Taft

IDAHO FALLS, Ida. —(AP)—The Idaho Republican convention Saturday directed its 14 delegates to the GOP national convention to support Sen. Robert A. Taft for the presidential nomination. The convention voted that the delegates should go unpledged, but with the definite understanding that they shall be honor bound to support Taft "to every reasonable extent."

# Reds Protest U.N. 'Attack'

TOKYO (Sunday) —(AP)— Communist truce negotiators submitted a "furious protest" today at Panmunjom charging that two United Nations planes attacked Red delegation supply vehicles Saturday morning.

Col. Chang Chun San, senior Communist liaison officer, handed the protest to Col. Andrew J. Kinney, the U.N.'s senior liaison officer, this morning.

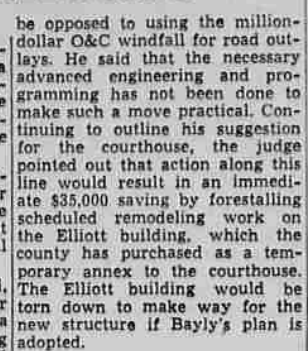
The protest was the only concrete development of the day as sub-delegates held one of the shortest truce supervision meetings in a three-minute parley that wound up with an agreement again to disagree.

# French in Fight

MEKNES, Morocco —(AP)— Armed Moroccan tribesmen from the Atlas Mountains foothills clashed Saturday with French police and soldiers outside a local court at Mrit. Five Moroccans were killed.

# CHILE, U. S. TO SIGN

SANTIAGO, Chile —(AP)— The United States and Chile will sign a mutual military aid agreement next week, a foreign ministry spokesman announced Saturday night.



# Officers Name Head for Dance

Fred V. Swierski has been named chairman of the Armed Forces Day Dance, scheduled for May 17 at the Veteran Memorial Bldg.

Sponsored by the Reserve Officers Assn., the dance will also have the combined support of all Eugene area veterans organizations and Armed Forces units.

Other members of the committee will be Alvan P. Parker, Dave Knox, Ed Rosenseld, Dr. Tom Warlick, Dan Potter, Mrs. Claire Finlayson, and Jess Barr.

Armed Forces Day is designated by presidential proclamation as a day to honor all branches of the U. S. fighting forces.

# Price of Beef Reflects High Costs on Farm

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meat. You'll fatten them up when they are ready for market.

A six-month-old calf weighing 350 pounds, then, will cost you \$126.

IF YOU BUY that calf this spring you'll probably hold him through the coming year and market him in the fall of 1953. You'll probably fatten him off at about 900 pounds.

If you run many head of cattle you're going to tie up quite a bit of money in calves. And you're taking a gamble that feed prices won't go up or beef prices won't go down severely during that period.

Except during the winter, you'll probably run your cattle on irrigated pasture or on range pasture supplementing forage with grain. During the winter you'll have to feed hay and grain. The last 90 to 110 days you'll put the steers in the feed lot. The first month of the fattening period won't be much more than a "warm up" while the beef gets used to a full grain diet. He won't show much gain till the start of the second month.

YOU CAN FIGURE it will take about 7 pounds of grain to put on one pound of beef—which means about 28 cents a pound of meat at present prices. And you can figure it costs you 22 to 25 cents a pound for gains made on irrigated pasture.

Altogether, you can be sure that your feed bill at present rates is going to be in excess of \$150 per finishing animal.

That means you have \$276 invested in a 900-pound steer for feed and cost of the calf.

If he grades out choice, you'll get about 35 cents a pound for him at present prices—or \$315. That's a spread of \$41. But of course it isn't all profit.

You've got to figure in your cost of operation: labor, taxes (and maybe payments) on your ranch which is probably worth \$20,000 to \$50,000, veterinarian fees, losses to predatory animals (cougars still kill cattle in Lane County), equipment, irrigation bills, interest on loans you've secured to buy stock or feed, transportation . . . and so on.

ALL THESE COSTS have to be deducted from that \$41 to find your profit per animal. Naturally, the larger your operation is and the more cattle you run, the less overhead you'll have per animal.

There are other kinds of local beef operations than the one just used as an illustration. Many animals that come to local slaughter houses are from dairy herds sold as lower grades of beef. Some farmers buy or raise their own calves, fatten them off quickly and sell them as baby beef. Other Lane farmers buy range steers from eastern Oregon and hold them only a few months while they are fattened on lush irrigated pastures and grain.

RIGHT NOW SOME of them aren't doing so well. One farmer who recently sold a lot of cattle at a local packing plant figures he just managed to get back the cost of the grain it took to feed them. That's because grain has climbed higher and higher the past few months and livestock prices haven't. The price of hay, too, skyrocketed last winter going from about \$35 a ton to \$50.

There's no actual OPS ceiling on what the farmer can get for his beef. He sells on the open market which constantly rises and falls. But for all practical purposes, the OPS ceiling on beef carcasses which covers slaughter house operations pretty well limits what the farmer can get. The slaughter man can't pay beyond a certain limit because the law controls what he gets when he resells the beef to a retailer.

# Survey Slated To Determine County's Needs

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ity, planning and other agencies, will seek the answers.

NOT SOLELY an industrial or manufacturing appraisal, the survey will scrutinize all phases of economic activity, covering these salient points:

- Expansion of agriculture.
- Tourist and convention opportunities.
- Development of retail and wholesale markets.
- Selling the county as a medical center.
- Expansion of secondary lumber utilization.
- Expansion of chemical industries.
- Assistance to existing industry.
- Transportation facilities.

From the start, the emphasis will be on the "follow-through" phase of the enterprise. The Eugene Chamber of Commerce, which is spear-heading the idea, has announced, "This will be more than an inventory of what we have."

THE INVENTORY phase, of course, is essential, since an inventory has not been made since 1946, but statistics will only give the county the fuel with which to operate. These tools will help the county attract the desired types of industry and make the area a better place in which to make a living.

Industrial Survey Associates, whose director, Stuart P. Walsh, will arrive here April 14, has a long record of appraising the economies of various areas. Clients have included Sacramento, San Francisco, San Bernardino Valley, and many counties in California. In some cases, the firm was employed by a government, in others by an industry.

Soon after Walsh's arrival in Eugene, a meeting of leaders of the various phases of economic and civic life will be held. At that time, Walsh will outline his method of operation and will ask each community to assist him in finding his answers.

THE FIRM'S work will consist of four months of intensive study, then six more months of advice and assistance in use of the findings. A report will be published. The Sacramento report, for instance, is more than 100 pages of easy-to-read findings and recommendations.

In announcing the appraisal plans, J. W. Kipper, president of the Eugene Chamber of Commerce, commented:

"Lane County in the last decade has assumed a position of great expansion, coupled with responsibility. This responsibility is nothing small. We feel that the county's economy needs more diversification and that the area can be made an even better place for one to follow his trade."

"PERHAPS WE DO NOT need a wide expansion of our economy. Perhaps we do. Perhaps we are well off with what we have, although it does not readily appear so. Maybe we need greater expansion of the industry already here. And there might well be opportunities here for industries heretofore unthought of.

"With co-operation from the public, we plan to find these answers. It will take a great amount of co-operation from all ranks. But there is a great chance of being paid off immeasurably in dollars and cents, more jobs, more play—making the county a better place in which to live."

# News Briefs



## CONTINUED WARM U. S. WEATHER BUREAU FORECAST

Eugene and vicinity: Mostly cloudy Sunday and Monday with some showers Monday cooler.

Local Statistics: Highest temperature Saturday, 75; low Saturday, 46; rain in 24 hours ending 10:30 a.m., none; total for month, 0.30 inch; normal for month, 2.07 inches; stage of river at 7:30 a.m., plus 0.8 feet; wind at 8:30 p.m. SW. 8; prevailing Saturday, North 4.

Sunrise and Sunset (PST): Sunday, 5:45 a.m., and 6:45 p.m.; Monday, 5:43 a.m., and 6:46 p.m.

## TIDES

SUNDAY, APRIL 6, 1952  
High 9:45 a.m., 7.0 ft.; 10:35 p.m., 7.3 ft.  
Low 6:05 a.m., 2.4 ft.; 6:34 p.m., 2.6 ft.

MONDAY, APRIL 7, 1952  
High 10:38 a.m., 7.3 ft.; 11:06 p.m., 7.1 ft.  
Low 6:41 a.m., 1.8 ft.; 7:09 p.m., 1.9 ft.

TUESDAY, APRIL 8, 1952  
High 11:34 a.m., 8.1 ft.; 11:58 p.m., 8.0 ft.  
Low 7:31 a.m., 1.1 ft.; 8:37 p.m., 1.3 ft.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 9, 1952  
High 12:03 p.m., 8.4 ft.; 12:03 p.m., 8.3 ft.  
Low 8:08 a.m., 0.5 ft.; 8:09 p.m., 1.8 ft.

THURSDAY, APRIL 10, 1952  
High 12:59 a.m., 8.4 ft.; 12:51 p.m., 7.3 ft.  
Low 8:45 a.m., 0.4 ft.; 8:39 p.m., 2.0 ft.

FRIDAY, APRIL 11, 1952  
High 1:22 a.m., 8.6 ft.; 1:33 p.m., 7.1 ft.  
Low 9:01 a.m., 0.3 ft.; 9:09 p.m., 2.1 ft.

SATURDAY, APRIL 12, 1952  
High 1:50 a.m., 8.8 ft.; 1:45 p.m., 6.9 ft.  
Low 9:21 a.m., 0.2 ft.; 9:16 p.m., 2.2 ft.

SUNDAY, APRIL 13, 1952  
High 2:19 a.m., 8.9 ft.; 2:07 p.m., 6.6 ft.  
Low 9:44 a.m., 0.1 ft.; 9:19 p.m., 2.3 ft.

RIVER ROAD—The Mothers Club of Boy Scout Troop 66 will meet at 7:30 p.m. Monday at River Road School.

A RUMMAGE sale, sponsored by the River Road Women's Club will be held Friday and Saturday at the Rummage Center, 137 W. 7th Ave. Members can leave rummage at the River Road Club House, Thursday from 1 to 4 p.m., or they can call Mrs. George B. Nash, Phone 5-2803, for pickup.

FOUR LOCAL men were aboard the troopship Gen. Anderson which arrived in Seattle Friday from the Far East. They are Sfc. Melvin Gowin, 1599 Villard St., and Cpl. Norman Stewart, 1599 1/2 Moss, both of Eugene, Cpl. William Lowdell of Rt. 1, Monroe, and Cpl. Billy Wilhelm, Drain.

THE SPRINGFIELD Realty Board will meet Tuesday noon for a luncheon and business meeting in the Blue Room of the Memorial Building in Springfield.

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