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Expanding Social Security

By an overwhelming vote of 81 to 2 the senate has
passed a bill that would double benefit payments under the
old-age and survivors' insurance system, in the federal
security system. It would also add about 10 million persons
to the 35 million now covered and liberalizes qualifi-
cation requirements for benefits.

The legislation makes the first drastic reforms in the
security program since its inauguration 15 years ago in the
depression 30's. Final approval awaits settlement of
deficiencies between the senate bill and the house bill
passed last year by a vote of 333 to 14.

The house measure would extend full coverage to 11
million persons and increase benefits about 70 percent.
The senate bill doubles benefits and raises payroll taxes as
much as \$18 a year.

The security act now covers 35,000,000 persons. The
senate bill would add 5,000,000 self-employed, excluding
farmers and certain professionals; 1,000,000 full-time farm
laborers; 1,000,000 domestics who work at least two days
a week for the same employer and 600,000 employes of non-
profit organizations. About 1,400,000 state and local em-
ployees without retirement plans would be included on a
voluntary basis.

The senate voted to increase maximum individual benefits
from \$45 to \$80 a month. Minimum benefits would be raised
from \$10 to \$20. The maximum allowed to any family group
would go up from \$85 to \$150 a month. A retired worker is
allowed an added 50 percent of his individual benefit when his
wife reaches 65. He also receives added sums for dependent
children under 18.

The house bill would raise benefits on a less generous scale
but would allow a one and one-half percent "bonus" for every
year of coverage. The senate refused to accept that. The
senate also rejected a house provision for federal aid to the
totally and permanently disabled.

The senate bill would liberalize eligibility requirements by
granting full benefits to workers with as little as a year and a
half of coverage. It would not materially change existing federal
contributions to states for public assistance but would increase
amounts for care of dependent and crippled children.

Both bills would raise the taxable "wage base" for social
security purposes from the present \$3,000 to \$3,600 a year.
This would increase taxes collected on salaries of those
earning more than \$3,600 a year by \$18. The tax is split
between the employe and the employer.

The house bill also would increase the payroll tax from
the present one and one-half percent to two percent start-
ing next January. The senate voted to freeze the present
tax until 1956. After that, the tax would increase gradu-
ally until 1970 when it reached a maximum of three and
one-quarter percent.

The Chamber of Commerce Moves

The familiar second-story location on North Liberty
street for the Chamber of Commerce will be changed the
first of the month for one in the Senator Hotel. When
headquarters of over 30 years in one place are moved, as
from the Eckerlen building, the event is more than of pass-
ing interest. The event, furthermore, is of interest to the
entire city of Salem and surrounding area.

After all, a chamber of commerce promotes businesses
already in a community, seeks new businesses, and boosts
civic development. The city's welfare and well-being can
be reflected in its chamber.

Salem's chamber has announced that one of the reasons
for the move is to save money on rent and maintenance.
The matter of internal finances is one for the chamber it-
self. But the chamber's activities are the concern also of
the entire community. So if the move can bring about a
healthier chamber, one in which more money can be spent
to bring new businesses into Salem and the adjacent area,
the move will be accepted as in the best interests of the
community.

A city which is developing like Salem, needs an aggres-
sive chamber of commerce. No sooner has the census fig-
ure of 43,064 for the city been released than a prediction of
continued growth for Oregon's capital is made. C. A. Mc-
Clure of the planning commission foresees the possibility
of reaching the 50,000 figure by 1960.

Salem's chamber built a reputation in those quarters on
North Liberty street. In fact, the physical quarters them-
selves became recognized as being as fine as any in the
country for a city of this size. The adjoining rooms of-
fered meeting places for groups in the city and from the
county.

A move from such a location and history should be ac-
companied by a new aggressiveness on the part of the
chamber management and by a renewed program of partici-
pation by the membership.

Help, Police! House Stolen

Oil City, Pa., June 21 (AP)—State police today reported a
call from a man who told them:
"I just found out I bought a stolen house."

State police checked to see if any houses had been stolen
lately. Sure enough, there was one.

Robert J. Schnitzer of Venus reported someone tore down
and hauled away his 12 by 16 foot summer cottage in Pine
Grove township sometime between May 21 and May 28.

Investigation showed the caller, who was not identified,
had bought Schnitzer's dismantled house. State police said
Schnitzer will get the house back—in pieces.

Snake in the Mail Baffles 'Em

Azusa, Calif., June 21 (AP)—A snake in the mail confounded
the parcel post department. Deliveryman Curtis Anderson
found it under a parcel.

Snake expert Edward R. Dickson said it's a boa constrictor,
14 inches long, perhaps a week old. Dickson, who took charge
of the reptile, says the boa is a native to South and Central
America.

Now the puzzle in the post office is how it got here. Best
guess is that it stowed away in air mail.

Signs of the Times

Detroit, June 21 (AP)—Signs of the times:
David Voke, 55, was first arrested in 1911 for stealing a
horse.
Since then, he's been arrested 49 times and convicted for
13 crimes, mostly car theft and larceny.
Authorities sought him today for stealing a Cadillac.

BY H. T. WEBSTER

The Unseen Audience



KRISS-KROSS

Feel Tired Yet? You're A Busy Man or Woman Today

By CHRIS KOWITZ, Jr.

You are a busy man or woman today. Statistics bear out
that your heart will beat more times and that you will take
more breaths today than on any other day of the year. What's
more, your watch will tick more times today than, on any other
day in 1950. You see, June 21, the first day of summer, is the
longest day of the year.

And that's one thing that day-
light saving time hasn't
changed.

Dr. Chester W. Hamblin, pastor of Salem's First
Presbyterian church, has his
own weekly ra-
dio program on station KOCO
... and from now on Hamblin
is going to confine his radio ac-
tivities to that program ...
last night he took his initial
whirl at baseball broadcasting
... handled the mike during the
fifth inning of the Salem-Van-
couver game at Waters park ...
Hamblin had a lot of fun, but
he's decided to give up sport-
scasting ... "It sounds a lot eas-



Chris Kowitz, Jr.

Pickpockets Pick Wrong Man

Mankato, Minn., June 21 (AP)—Police Chief William Kruse
conducted a one-man investigation today—for the two men
who slashed his pocket and tried to steal his wallet in a bus
station ticket line.

MacKENZIE'S COLUMN

Political Events in Europe Encourage Peace Optimism

By DeWITT MacKENZIE

The trend of political events in western Europe certainly is an
invitation to considerable optimism among workers for peace and
prosperity.

One of the most encouraging events of our troubled times is
the agreement of Western Germany to join the council of Europe,
made up of representatives of non-communist govern-
ments. This ranges the Western Reich on the side of a
mighty with neighbors
against which it
twice waged
world wars of
aggression.



DeWitt MacKenzie

Chancellor Konrad Adenauer summed up
the action as a commitment on
the side of the West against the
East, and a contribution to world
peace. That's the way it also
struck many close observers.

This historic move came on
the heels of Western Germany's
acceptance of the sensational
French Schuman plan to pool
Europe's coal and steel, thereby
throwing the vast resources of
the German Ruhr into the melt-
ing pot with the great French
interests. Thus these two tradi-
tional enemies finally have joined
hands at least temporarily to
work for peace. The London
Times sums up the development
thus:

"The Schuman plan which, in
the German view, is intended to
lay the economic foundation for
political union in Western Eu-
rope, was largely responsible
for the federal German govern-
ment's decision to accept the in-
vitation to join the council of
Europe. By voluntarily joining
it, the federal German govern-
ment of fifty million people
nailed its political colors to the
Western mast.

"There is no doubt that the
present temper of the German
people as a whole is pacific
and that the idea of a federated
Europe in which they can peace-
fully deploy their energies and
talents is the one which, for the
time being at any rate, has most
strongly seized the public imagi-
nation."

That's strong mustard, coming
as it does from a leading news-
paper of a country which has
suffered so grievously at the
hands of Germany. However,

ier when somebody else does it,"
he explains.

Gambling is again flourishing
in carnivals and amusement
parks in Oregon, and apparently
law enforcement officers can't
do a thing about it. (At least
they're not.)

Here's the twist: Operator of
gambling concession tells prospective
player he may play for
prizes or cash. Player is paid off
in tickets, and told that he may
cash tickets at any time. When
player decides to collect cash,
operator of the game hands him
a merchandise prize ... then
buys the merchandise back a few
minutes later.

Legal? Well, that's the way
they work it, anyhow.

Salem's postoffice probably
has the distinction of being the
most elaborate postoffice build-
ing in the United States without
a drinking faucet in the lobby.

WASHINGTON MERRY-GO-ROUND

Columnist Says Eavesdropping Old Habit With Sen. Brewster

By DREW PEARSON

Washington—Eavesdropping is an old family pastime with
Maine's Sen. Owen Brewster who, as this column revealed, tapped
the telephone wires of California airplane manufacturer Howard
Hughes.

More than three years ago—Feb. 18, 1947—Senator Brewster
appeared before a judiciary sub-

committee to
oppose the ap-
pointment of
of John Clifford
as U.S. district
judge for Maine.

The senator ex-
plained that
Clifford came to
Brewster's ho-
tel room to dis-
cuss a local
housing problem.

"He said he would come up
to my hotel room and see me,"
Brewster continued. "I did some-
thing which I have never done
before, and I do not think I will
ever do again. We had two
rooms at the hotel, the door open
between, and I asked Mrs. Brew-
ster to listen to the conversa-
tion."

Since then it's been a stand-
ing joke in Maine whenever any-
one mentions having a talk with
Senator Brewster to ask: "And
was Mrs. B. standing behind the
door?"

DIOGENES PUTS DOWN LANTERN

Most Congressmen are scrupulously
honest about taking
gratuities for introducing legisla-
tion for their constituents—
unlike Congressman Wood of
Georgia whose office collected
\$1,000 for passing a bill com-
pensating Ralph Stanfield after
he was crippled by a U.S. army
truck.

For example, when Senator
Sparkman of Alabama was still
a congressman, he introduced a
private bill to compensate a
constituent who also had been
injured by an army truck. The
constituent was so grateful that
he deposited \$500 in the bank in
Sparkman's name and sent the
deposit slip to Sparkman.

This was promptly returned,
however, with a courteous note,
thanking the constituent but ask-
ing him to keep his money.

After Sparkman changed the
deposit back to the constituent's
name, the bank returned the
worthless deposit slip to Spark-
man. Across it was scribbled:
"At last Diogenes can put down
that lantern."

This referred to the Greek
philosopher who carried a light-
ed lantern around in mid-day,
searching for an honest man.

McCARTHY'S \$10,000

There may be more than meets
the eye behind the \$10,000 paid
to Sen. Joe McCarthy of Wis-
consin by the now bankrupt
Lustron Corporation for writing
a 7,000-word booklet on hous-
ing.

It's well known that the \$10-
000 the Lustron people paid Mc-
Carthy was part of the RFC mil-
lions which the government ad-
vanced to Lustron. Thus, in ef-
fect, all the American taxpayers
helped to subsidize the senator
from Wisconsin.

But not generally known is
that McCarthy had done a ter-
rific job for the real estate lob-
by prior to receipt of the fee.
Not only had he engaged in a
tenacious, vitriolic battle against
the housing bill—a battle just as
tenacious as his present row over
alleged communism in govern-
ment—but he also dominated
the appointment of a house-sen-
at housing committee supposed
to investigate the need for pub-
lic housing.

In the closed-door battle over
the appointment of this commit-
tee, in October, 1947, Senator
Tobey of New Hampshire, chair-
man of the banking and cur-
rency committee, turned up with
proxies of four senators in his

'Pitch' to Okies Puts Station On Radio Spot

San Diego, June 21 (AP)—Radio
station KSDO of San Diego
today nervously wrote to nine
candidates for secretary of state
in Oklahoma, offering them
three free radio commercials—in
San Diego—for their cam-
paigns toward the July 3 pri-
mary.

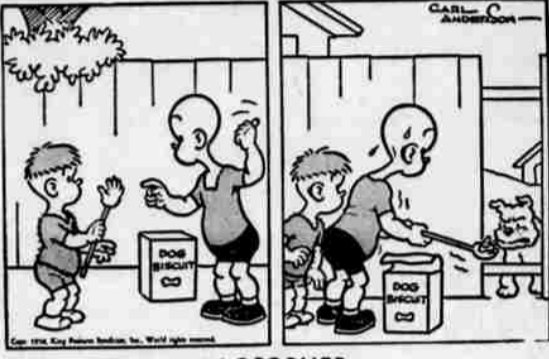
The gesture was ordered by
Station Manager Jack Heintz
after he discovered Cowboy Disk
Jockey Bostick Wester, had used
a unique "pitch" over KSDO for
his uncle—John D. Conner, one
of the Oklahoma candidates.

"Will all you Okies in San
Diego please write to your kin-
folks back home and ask them
to vote for my uncle, John D.
Conner, for secretary of State,"
Wester told KSDO audiences.

But because of FCC regula-
tions regarding political time,
Heintz warned Wester to halt
his campaigning, offered Conner's
opponents the equivalent time.

BY CARL ANDERSON

Henry



POOR MAN'S PHILOSOPHER

It's Hal Boyle's Day To Act as a Pavement Plato

By HAL BOYLE

New York (AP)—Cuff notes on life by a pavement Plato:
It's hard to go on paddling your own canoe when you're mar-
ried to a girl who yearns for a yacht.
Bankruptcy isn't the heaviest penalty for steady sinning—
boredom is.

The greatest
test of the art
of conversation
these days is to
fill in that three-
minute interval
at a cocktail
party between
the time the li-
quor runs out—
and the time the
guests start to
go.

A wife can
forgive her hus-
band everything
except his ability
to have fun without
her.

The bald man's philosophy:
"Oh, well, hair today—gone
tomorrow."

The boy who learned about
women by studying the old
Police Gazette now has a son
who leans at the corset ads in
the fashion magazines.

Raising children wouldn't be
so expensive if they'd just make
a pair of shoes last as long as
they do the castor oil bottle.

If the eaves ever dropped on
all the world's eavesdroppers,
who'd have a roof over his head?
Mankind would be better off
if science would leave the atom
alone and find a way to cross-
breed happiness and the seven-
year itch.

Isn't it about time to put the
international crisis on a five-
day week? People are begin-
ning to worry about it on their
days off.

Definition of a love poacher:
A fellow who tries to corral some
other guy's dear with a fast
buck.

They say money talks, and
maybe that explains why a dol-
lar bill just whispers nowadays.

There hasn't been so much
change from the good old days.
People used to fall off horses.
Now they fall off diets and water
wagons.

An optimist is a fellow who
hands a dime to a nightclub hat-
check girl—and waits for a
smile.

Two young honeymooners
spread their picnic lunch in a
bed of poison ivy. Well, that's
one way of starting from scratch.

The difference between mar-
riage and a good circus is in
rings.

Never believe that staying in
a lowly job will guarantee you
a secure future. Even asbrays
get out of style.

Since we got silent popcorn
and people can actually hear the
dialogue on movie screens, the
real criticism of Hollywood is
beginning.

You can never convince
mother that Stalin's overtures to
Germany are as important as the
designs the girl next door has
on junior.

One kind of experience gives
a man character. The other kind
just puts circles under his eyes.

Mississippi's a Big Creek

St. Louis, June 21 (AP)—Two patrolmen saw a flickering
light at the water's edge last night and investigated. They
found Samuel Jay Bond, 91, Hugo, Okla., wading in the
river, holding a lighted match.

"I was just looking for my hat and cane," Bond told the
officers. "I lost 'em when I slipped and fell in the creek."

The ancient was bundled off to City hospital. But this
morning, before seeing him aboard a Chicago bound bus to
visit relatives, officers drove him back where they found him.

Bond was impressed by the broad expanse of the Missis-
sippi river. "My," he said. "It's a big creek at that, isn't it?"

OPEN FORUM

Marble-Faced Gas Station

(Editor's Note: Letters to the Open Forum must be signed
by the author, with address noted. Letters must be kept to the
300-word limit or else they will have to be cut to that length.)

To the Editor: The Salem city council has not been remis-
sive in its guardianship of the fringe land around the Oregon state
capitol; furthermore there is not any truth in the insinuations
that the mayor or Salem city council are marble headed for
relaxing their zoning ordinance and permitting a marble-faced
gasoline wagon station to
be located so near "the Capitol."

We have not only been diffi-
dent, but exceedingly dilatory;
the capital of Oregon should
have moved to Portland or Eola
previous to now, as has been
suggested for the past fifty (50)
odd years.

Did anyone ask the mayor or
council of Salem if they care to
have our capital arrangements
in Salem interfering with the
desired commercial exploitation
of their city?

BRYAN J. ENGLISH
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Portland

Advertisement for Virgil T. Golden Co. Funeral Services. Includes a map of downtown Salem showing the location at 300 South Commercial Street. Text lists advantages: 1-EXPERIENCE: Serving the people of Salem and vicinity twenty-one years. 2-BUILDING: Beauty, dignity and reverence; chapel seats 150 people, may be increased to 300. 3-COST: Within the means of everyone. 4-CREDIT: To coincide with the wishes of the family. 5-CONVENIENT LOCATION: South Commercial St.; bus line; direct route to cemeteries—no cross traffic. Contact: Virgil T. Golden, Belle Niles Brown, Phone 4-2257.