

Sentinel

COQUILLE, OREGON.

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Social Security Recipients Increasing In Coos County; Now Totals 726 People

Growth of the old-age and survivors insurance system in the U. S., as just reported to Congress in the 1948 Federal Security Agency annual report, is reflected in this area by data from the local social security office. Paul F. Johnson, manager, stated today that as of June 30, 1948, when data in the agency report was compiled, there were 726 people in Coos county who were receiving \$13,953 monthly in old-age and survivors insurance benefits.

He said that by the end of April, 1949, these figures had increased to an estimated 850 people receiving \$16,183 monthly, or a general increase of about 16 per cent during the ten-month period.

The Social Security administration section of the report, prepared by Arthur J. Altmeyer, commissioner for social security, showed that in the United States on June 30, 1948, there were 2,168,000 persons receiving monthly benefits amounting to \$42,400,000. These Federal insurance benefits go to insured, retired workers over 65, their wives if over 65, and their dependent children, and to widows, children, and dependent parents of insured wage earners who have died.

Interim reports which have been prepared show that by April 30, 1949, the number of these insurance beneficiaries had climbed on up to 2,480,000 men, women, and children getting benefits at the rate of \$49,750,000 per month. As Altmeyer observed in the preface to his report, "The social security programs . . . operated during the fiscal year 1948 in a setting of full employment, a record peacetime production of goods and services, and rising prices . . . Earnings were higher, and the aggregate volume of savings increased."

The Social Security administration's section of the report, covering operations of the Children's Bureau and the Bureau of public assistance, employment security, and old-age insurance, is being received with special attention this year because of several proposals for changes in these programs now under study in Congress. Under mandate from Congress to submit recommendations for needed revisions in the law, the Administration proposed in the report, with respect to old-

time, he said, approximately 31 per cent of the Coos county beneficiaries are children and mothers with children in their care. The remaining 69 per cent are insurance beneficiaries 65 years of age or over.

Assistant Curator At Museum

Mrs. Mary Randleman, curator of the Coos-Curry Pioneer and Historical museum in Coquille, has had as her assistant for some time, Mrs. Ralph Harry Stephens. Mrs. Stephens is of real pioneer parentage and is familiar with many interesting experiences of the early days. Her acquaintance with pioneer people of Southwestern Oregon and with their determination, regardless of hardships, to survive, make Mrs. Stephens a valuable assistant curator in the local museum.

New Steel Cabinet Added Equipment Of Pioneer Museum

A new acquisition to the Coos-Curry historical museum is a new four drawer metal cabinet purchased with contributions made by friends, in memory of the late Coos county treasurer, the beloved Charles Stauff.

This storage space is greatly needed for protection and preservation of valuable old letters, papers and pictures. At present cardboard boxes have been used without much chance for system or order.

Students Present Music Recital

Miss Aileen Wilson presented piano and voice pupils in a joint recital between Coquille, Myrtle Point and Bandon on Saturday evening in the Assembly of God church.

The recital was divided into two sections, Part I comprising the beginners and intermediates, with Part II forming the advance group with Junior high and high school students performing. All the numbers were played from memory.

The recital was well attended and appreciation expressed for the many lovely solos rendered which were a real credit to the talent in this section.

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WASHINGTON WEEK

By CHARLES L. EGENROAD

Washington, D. C.—"With a Democrat President and a Democrat Congress, we will have the right kind of unity in this country."

President Truman said it October 13, 1948, in St. Paul, Minnesota.

The best example of the kind of "unity" he predicted for his administration and the 81st Democrat Congress developed here a few days ago when neither the administration nor the Democrat Congress knew exactly what the other was doing.

Illinois' Senator Scott Lucas, floor leader of that Democrat Congress, told a press conference on May 24 that Congress would adjourn by July 31. He added that many key measures of the President's legislative program would be postponed until the second session of the 81st Congress because "the program is very extensive and cannot all be carried out in a single session."

The present session would run seven months according to Mr. Lucas' time-table.

Truman Accuses Press

Yet, President Truman, glibly listed the same program in his convention speech in Philadelphia last July 15 as the program for the special session of the Republican 80th Congress and said:

"They can do this job in 15 days, if they want to do it. They will still have time to go out and run for office."

Before Senator Lucas' July 31 deadline had barely made the newspapers, President Truman called in the press and announced bluntly that Congress would be held in session until the job was done no matter what Senator Lucas had to say about it.

Then confusion piled upon confusion when President Truman charged the press had failed to publish "all" of Senator Lucas' statement.

Could this confusion within the Democratic party be what Mr. Truman meant when he said in Duluth, Minnesota, October 13, 1948:

"There are a great many things you will get if you elect a Democrat Congress and a Democrat administration."

Brother Passes Away

Word of the passing of Haywood Foote, 70, of Kaplan, La., was received this week by W. T. Foote of Coquille. The deceased visited in Coquille about a year ago, and had many friends here. Mr. Foote recently visited his brother in the South, too. Funeral services were held early in the week.

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LEAVES FOR WASHINGTON

Mrs. Mary Randleman of Coquille, Bullards Rt., left by bus last Saturday morning for Bremerton, Wash., to visit her nephew and family, John McNamara. A two or three weeks visit is planned before she will return to Coquille.



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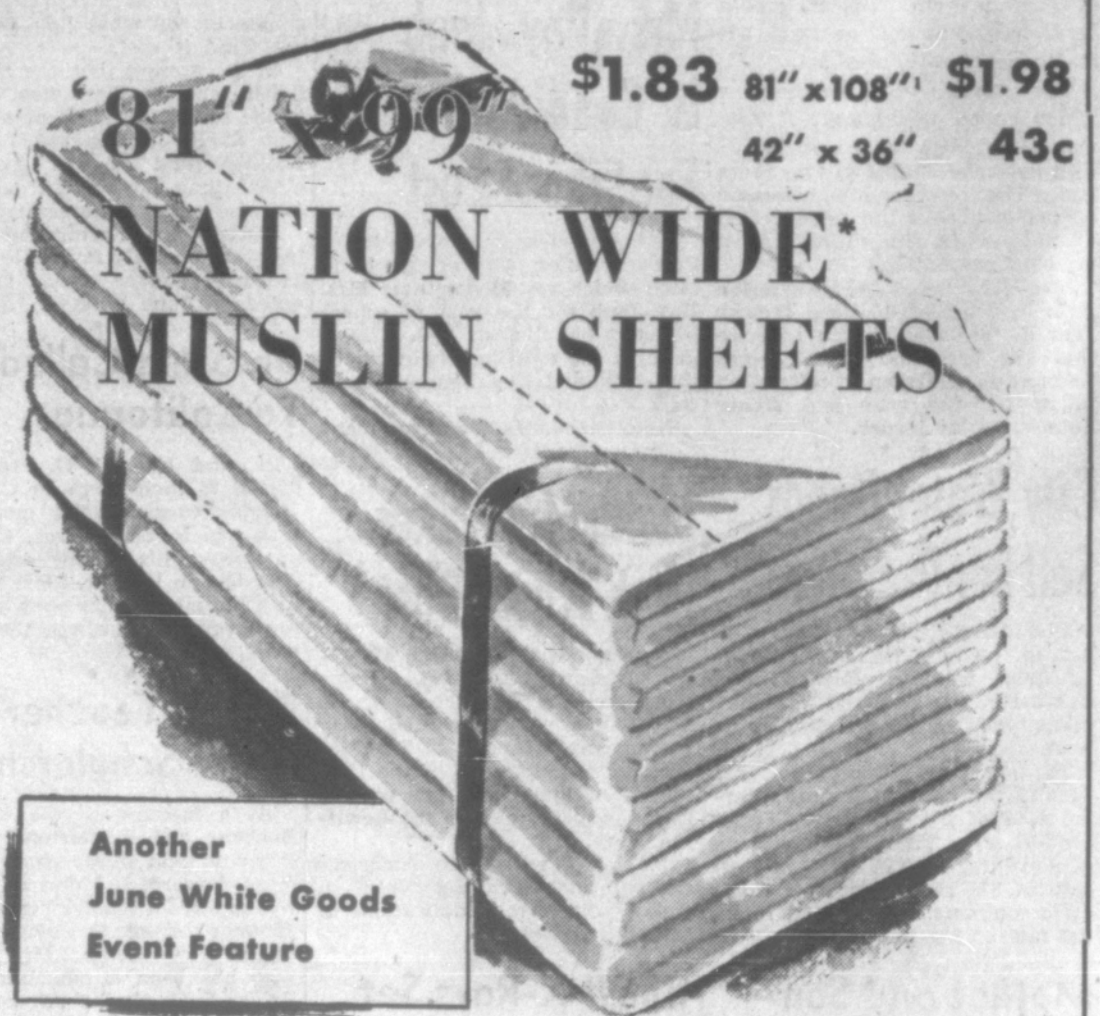
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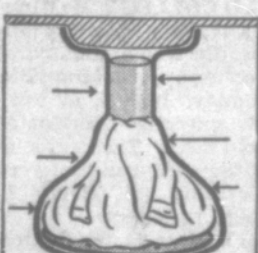
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