

## OLD AGE PENSION BLANKS GIVEN OUT BY COUNTY COURT

First Payments Due February 1, But Lack of Funds Is Problem—1500 Applications Are Expected

Application blanks for old age pensions, as passed by the last session of the legislature, have been received, and are being distributed by the county court. It is estimated that 1500 applications will be filed, with half that number eligible. Many blanks were distributed this morning. The law becomes effective January 1, but the legislature, in both regular and special sessions, failed to make any provisions for providing funds for payment of the pensions. All Oregon counties are in straitened financial shape because of the depression and non-payment of taxes. Jackson county was further hit by suppression of the Banks-Pehl lawlessness.

**Payment Problem.** Providing of funds is up to the various counties and state, and some way will have to be evolved to this end. A number of upstate counties, confronted with lack of money, have suggested that sales tax money, if any, remaining after the public schools are provided for, be diverted to old age pensions. This is a doubtful source of revenue, as a referendum against the sales tax is threatened by the master of the State Grange, Portland labor leaders and Portland political organizations. Jackson county in its budget provided \$5000 for old age pensions—far from enough. The law is mandatory. First payments will be made February 1.

The special legislature session sought to amend the law, so funds could be granted, but the bill was killed by senate oratory in the final hours of the session.

**Many Old Timers.** Many of the applicants and prospective applicants have lived all their days in Jackson county.

The law provides that the applicant reside in the state for 15 years, be 70 years or older. Applicants are allowed property exemption up to \$5000. Two years' residence in the county is required. It is further provided that no applicant receive more than \$30 per month.

The blanks contain close to 100 questions, and when answered constitute a complete biographical and financial condition sketch of the applicant.

A detailed history of the past 15-year period is required, setting forth place, dates, occupations and names of friends or neighbors. Citizenship papers are required if born in a foreign land.

**Many Questions Asked.** Other questions concern number of living sons and daughters, and their financial status, if ever employed by government or state, prospects of benefits, amount of life insurance, a legal description of property owned by the applicant, and signing of a waiver turning the same over to the old age pension fund, to reimburse the state; amount of personal property, including stock, bonds, annuities or pensions, wages, contributions, cost of living for past year, membership in fraternal organizations, if applicant has ever been convicted of a crime involving moral turpitude, if ever deserted family or children under age of 15 years, if ever a professional tramp or beggar, and if any person or organization, other than the state is responsible for support of applicant. All application statements are sworn to.

The state law makes the county court, county commission, a board to approve or disapprove of all applicants.

## 1656 CARS PEARS 93 CARS APPLES SENT TO MARKET

Fruit shipments from the Rogue River valley up to last night totaled 1556 cars of pears and 93 cars of apples.

The apple market, according to Robert K. Norris of the Pinnacle Packing company is strong, with some of the valley shippers and growers holding for higher prices. Apples are now selling for around \$1.75 per box. Norris says conditions and prices have improved over last year for both apples and pears, and "where growers went in the red last year, they are now showing a nice little profit."

Boxes, now practically all sold, went for as high as \$2.50 per box. Last year they sold for a dollar and more under that sum.

The European market is good with buying free, and orders plentiful, according to Norris. One handicap is the lack of ships, Norris further says. Clarence Pankey, long time packer and dealer, says that the "general pear price in the valley is now twice as good as last year. Both estimate that the general pear price this season is 35 cents a box over last year. D'Anjou constitutes the main shipments now. Some of the growers have sold their entire crop. Young and Hall are included in this list.

The Southern Pacific railroad freight office reports that apple and pear shipments are being made daily, ranging from one to five cars.

## CHRISTMAS FANTASY AT ACADEMY TONIGHT

"A Christmas Fantasy" is the title given the entertainment to be presented this evening at St. Mary's academy in celebration of the approach of the holy day, upon which the Christ child was born.

## I. O. O. F. CHRISTMAS PROGRAM FRIDAY

Members of Medford lodge No. 83, I. O. O. F., and of Bebekah lodge No. 28 will assemble at their hall on West Sixth street Friday evening, December 22, for the annual program and Christmas tree. An excellent program of entertainment has been prepared for the evening by the committee in charge, and those attending are assured a pleasant evening.

The little folks will be invited in the Christmas tree and Santa Claus feature. Santa will arrive under military escort and will be introduced to the young folks, and will have many treats for them, and altogether the objective is to make the evening as jolly as possible for them. All members and their families are requested and urged to be present, and to bring any children of their neighborhood who otherwise will not be fortunate enough to enjoy a tree in their own homes.

The program will start about 8 o'clock.

## 150 EMPLOYED IN COUNTY CWA

Under the CWA plan, Jackson county is employing 150 men on six projects, according to County Engineer Paul B. Rynning, who further states that "the efficiency shows a 50 per cent improvement over the relief work plan of last year." The county projects are in all parts of the county, and north and south of Medford, on roads principally.

County workers report that for the most part the few complaints have been registered. The CWA projects has improved the morale of the workers, cheered up the general atmosphere, improved business, and given many worthy citizens ready cash with which they can provide a Christmas observance for themselves and families.

**Two Die in Fire.** GREENVILLE, Tex., Dec. 20.—(AP)—TWO MEN WERE TRAPPED and lost their lives and a fourth of six persons who jumped from a second-story window were injured today when fire destroyed the McBride hotel at Lone Oak.

## HOG PROCESSING TAX IS ASSESSED TO KILLER ONLY

"There appears to be a general misunderstanding among farmers as to who is to pay the hog processing tax," stated County Agent Fowler today.

"The Agricultural Adjustment Act, under which the marketing of hogs is to be curtailed, has for its principal object the increasing of the buying power of the farmer. The processing tax on pork is similar to the processing tax on wheat and must be paid by the consumer eventually."

The processing tax is to be paid by the man who kills the pig. The government holds the killer responsible, and no one else. Everyone who kills a pig must pay the tax, except the farmer who kills for his own home consumption. The farmer who kills a pig with the expectation of selling the carcass, either whole or as hams, bacon, sausage, etc., will be required to pay the tax.

Butchers who do custom killing—that is, who kill pigs for others as much as a head, will be required by the government to pay the tax. If, however, a farmer brings to a butcher a pig of his own raising, hires the butcher to kill it, and then takes the carcass home for use in his own family, he may give the butcher a certificate to the effect that this hog is to be used entirely for consumption within his own family, and this certificate in turn will relieve the butcher from the necessity of paying the tax. Blanks for these certificates may be obtained from the collector of internal revenue. All butchers doing custom work should write for a supply.

Prices quoted on hogs at the Portland stockyards or at any other public market in the United States are the prices which are actually paid to the shippers and the tax is NOT deducted from these prices. Farmers who sell pigs to buyers at the market price and then permit the buyer to deduct the tax are simply allowing themselves to be cheated by that hog. Also, the farmer who sells dressed carcasses to retailers or wholesalers and allows the buyer to deduct the tax with the understanding that the buyer is to eventually pay the tax to the government is again being cheated because the farmer who killed the hog will have to pay the tax direct to the government.

The department of internal revenue collects the tax and will furnish the blanks to anyone who is killing hogs.

C. C. Hoover, chairman of Pomona Grange agriculture committee, urges that before selling dressed hogs the farmers get in touch with the county agent.

GeBauer Home—Harold GeBauer is among students home from the University of Oregon for the holidays.

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## Why We Think the Fox Theatre Chain and Holly Theatre Are A Menace to Medford and Vicinity and to Us -- the Independent Theatre Owners . . . .

WE think the past operation of the Fox Theatre Chain in Medford is enough to put the stamp of disapproval forever upon them, for their whole purpose and aim seems, to us, to be along one line of thought, and that is to control all the theatres here.

THEY purchased, last year, all the Major film product, forcing the closing of the Holly. George Roy, who was operating the State Theatre, was forced to quit, and the Holly was forced to show pictures at ten cents and was barely able to remain open. They were unable to pay any decent salaries and were in a most precarious condition.

THIS was all done by Fox with staggering losses to themselves; so we believe that if ever there was such a thing as unfair competition, this is it.

WE believe that every admission paid into the Holly Theatre is a direct thrust at our very vitals, and appeal to you—the citizens of our own city—to spend your money with the independent, homeowned theatres.

BOTH Mr. Newman and Mr. Rosenberg called upon George Hunt, agreeing to maintain the same policy and prices as Hunt's Graterian when they opened the Holly Theatre. This agreement they have already broken by double billing and really, you can expect anything. You have heard of "bread wars" when bread was sold as low as one cent per loaf and, frankly, it is possible that theatre admissions might go that low in Medford.

THEY may show pictures that you wish to see, but in this case, we ask you to wait for their showing in our second-run theatres, which will show them shortly afterward.

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## LISTEN My Children and you shall hear

that Santa's a practical soul this year. He believes with us, that Thrift is a gift in itself . . . and, wanting you to have the best of everything for your Xmas feast, Santa advises, "Xmas at Pay'n Takit!" So come in and plan your menu as you look around. We promise you it won't be expensive.

Thursday, Friday and Saturday, Dec. 21-22-23



**PAY'N TAKIT**  
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<b>CANDY</b> Fancy Quality Broken Mix with Ribbon Mix <b>2 lbs. 25c</b>	<b>MIXED NUTS</b> Almonds, Walnuts Brazil and Filberts <b>2 lbs. 29c</b> <b>5 1/2 lb. bag 79c</b>	<b>ALMONDS</b> Large size <b>2 lbs. 25c</b> <b>5 1/2 lb. bag 67c</b>
<b>CHOCOLATES</b> Old fashioned cone shape. Assorted centers <b>2 lbs. 29c</b>	<b>WALNUTS</b> Fancy large size Franquettes <b>pound 20c</b>	<b>SWANSDOWN</b> With package of Swansdown <b>89c</b>
<b>CANDY</b> Fancy Holiday Boxes. Creams, Carmels, etc. <b>2 1/4 lb. box 99c</b>	<b>GIFT BOXES</b> SPERRY'S 10 pound Drifted Snow <b>99c</b>	<b>Olives</b> Stuart's medium ripe. No. 1 can. <b>can 11c</b> <b>Crab</b> Lucky Salt. No. 1/2 can. <b>can 16c</b> <b>Mayonnaise</b> Best Foods. <b>pint jar 24c</b> <b>Pineapple</b> Libby's, Crushed or Sliced. No. 1/4 <b>can 9c</b>
<b>DATES</b> New Crop. Hallow Dates. <b>2 lbs. 19c</b>	<b>Marshmallows</b> Fluffiest, Fresh, Bulk. <b>pound 17c</b>	<b>Cocoanut</b> Long Thread. 1/4 lb. 15c. <b>lb. 19c</b>
<b>Raisins</b> Seedless. New Crop. <b>3 lbs. 17c</b>	<b>Soap</b> Sunny Monday. 10 bars in carton. <b>carton 20c</b>	<b>Fruit Salad</b> New Hall. No. 1 <b>can 13c</b>
<b>Flour</b> Pride of the West. Blended. <b>\$1.35</b>	<b>Tomatoes</b> Solid Pack. No. 2 1/2 can. <b>2 cans 25c</b>	<b>Pop Corn</b> Guaranteed. 8 oz. can 7 1/2c. <b>2 lbs. 13c</b>
<b>Milk</b> Max-I-mum. Tall cans. <b>3 cans 19c</b>	<b>Coffee</b> AIRWAY. 1 lb. 19c. <b>3 lbs. 55c</b>	<b>Vanilla</b> Schilling's, Guaranteed pure. <b>1 oz. bot. 12c</b>
<b>Jell-well</b> All Flavors. <b>pkg. 5c</b>	<b>Peas</b> No. 2 can. <b>3 cans 29c</b>	<b>Fancy Fruits and Vegetables for Your Christmas Dinner</b>
<b>Catsup</b> C. H. B. Brand. Large bottle. <b>14c</b>	<b>WHITE KING Gift Box</b> 10 Bars Toilet Soap 1 Bottle Perfume 1 Shaving Soap and Dish 1 Metal Receipt Kit <b>98c</b>	<b>Celery</b> Fancy Large Stalks. Each <b>9c</b>
<b>Butter</b> 2 lbs. <b>35c</b> Pay'n Takit Creamery		<b>Lettuce</b> Solid Large Heads. Each <b>5c</b>
		<b>Sweet Potatoes</b> U. S. No. 1's. 4 lbs. <b>18c</b>
		<b>Artichokes</b> Large Size, Fresh, Stock. Each <b>5c</b>
		<b>Cocoanuts</b> Big Ones. Each <b>8c</b>
		<b>Bananas</b> Fancy Golden Fruit. 3 lbs. <b>17c</b>
		<b>Oranges</b> Fancy Navels. 1/2 case, \$1.50 Dozen <b>12c</b>
		<b>Cauliflower</b> Large White Heads. Each <b>10c</b>

**PAY'N TAKIT**  
SOMETHING SAVED ON EVERYTHING

## Pay'n Takit Market

is headquarters for Chickens and Turkeys and other items that go to make up your Christmas dinner. Our Turkeys are the finest grown in this valley.

**Fresh Oysters**  
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**Pint 29c**  
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**CHICKENS**  
Hens fine for boiling or fricassee  
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Owing to the wonderful response we received last week for REAL COUNTRY SAUSAGE, we have made arrangements for it again this week. And at the same Popular Price, 2 pounds 25c.