

OLD AGE PENSION SYSTEM SPEEDED BY GOVERNMENT

Questionnaire Sent All States to Determine Those Ready to Participate — Hope to Start Near January 1

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WASHINGTON, Dec. 13.—(AP)—Striving to get the non-contributory old age pension system into effect soon after New Year's, officials disclosed today they have sent a questionnaire to all states.

It is a final check-up by the social security board to determine which states will participate in the system at the beginning.

Board officials expect to be ready to put the plan into operation as soon as congress provides the money. They hope it will go a long way toward helping states care for "unemployables" cut off federal relief rolls as of December 1.

Match State Fund
The federal government will grant \$14 a month for each needy individual 65 years old or over, provided a similar amount is granted by the state.

Under the law the federal government will give grants only to states which:

Have an old age assistance plan in operation in all political subdivisions so that all eligible persons can get aid.

Provide financial assistance from state funds. (Except that for one year those states with constitutional limitations can count local instead of state funds.)

Have a single state agency to supervise the plan. Provide for fair hearings for anyone denied assistance. Set up administrative methods approved by the board and provide for reports to the board.

To Divide Estates
Divided with the federal government receipts from the estates of those aided.

Fix the age limitation no higher than 70 years, require no more than five years of residence during the preceding five, nor more than one year's continuous residence immediately preceding the grant.

Offer aid to all citizens regardless of the length of citizenship. The states are being asked to cite provisions they have made to meet these requirements.

Board officials said the law was

Detective Head



JOHN J. KEEGAN
John J. Keegan, veteran of the Portland police force, received the commission as captain of detectives on Jan. 1, 1935.

being interpreted liberally. They said that even though state statutes did not comply in all details with the requirements, grants would be approved if state plans were made to comply.

Communications

What Are Democratic Processes?
To the Editor:
In the editorial column of the Medford Tribune of Monday, December 9, 1935, there appears the following article. Obviously it speaks for itself.

"Secretary of Agriculture Wallace has been called various things by those who don't like him—a theorist, a dreamer, a radical, a socialist, and what have you?"

Let some of his critics produce a clearer and sounder definition of what the economic aims of this country SHOULD BE than the following excerpt from one of his recent speeches:

"Our national economic goal simply must be increased, balanced production of the things we all really need and want at prices low enough so consumers can buy, yet high enough so producers can stay on the job, and with income so distributed that no one shall be prevented from participating in consumption except those who refuse to work. This is the goal we all desire to reach, and we can permit only two qualifications: One, that it must be reached without further injury to our national resources; and two, that it must be reached by our traditional democratic processes."

We were interested to know what these "traditional democratic processes" are. Will the editorial mind transcribe these democratic processes into words, and how they are worked? They may illuminate the awakening negative democratic mind in its search for processes to adjust itself to the ideas and the ideals to be attained by the new democratic order immediately ahead.

Our most earnest desire is that you provide us with light upon this important subject, Mr. Editor. We would appreciate your contribution to the true science of the democratic action of imperially-minded America.

GEO. TAN MAXWELL,
216 Laurel St. Medford, Ore.
P.S. Note: That whatever is done is initiated, sanctioned by the expressed will of the people at the polls.

Dispatches from Coronandel in the Interior Highlands of Minas Geraes state, Brazil, say a diamond unearthed there weighing 143 carats was sold to Joaquim Aguiar, industrialist, for 485 contos (about \$30,000) and is valued at 1,200 contos (about \$72,000). Other large stones are the Orloff diamond, 194 carats; Pitt diamond, 187 carats, and Kohinoor diamond, slightly over 106 carats.

More than 5,000,000 quarts of vegetables were canned for winter consumption by relief workers in Indiana through the facilities of the garden and conservation division of the governor's commission on unemployment relief.

Legends tell of a mythical female pope named Joan, said to have lived in the ninth century.

The \$7,000,000 fortune of Johns Hopkins, a Baltimore merchant, was divided between the university and hospital which bear his name.

DELAY SENTENCE OF CCC MEN WHO STOLE SUPPLIES

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ment washing (in this case) Meeri, the records reveal, has a criminal record in New Jersey and can neither read nor write. Emmert, the district attorney said, had no previous record and will be given CCC work, if paroled, the CCC superintendent informed.

The court ruled that final action would be deferred until "a conference can be held, and the county finds out what the government wants to do with these men."

Meeri and Emmert pleaded guilty to stealing edibles and gasoline from the CCC warehouse, while on a "joyride" with two local girls on the night of November 15.

Pending of sentence was also postponed upon Clifford A. (Doc) Farmer, former local barber, who entered a plea of guilty to forgery of a check for \$5.75, until a report on Farmer's police record in California could be obtained. Information received yesterday from the state police identification department at Salem, showed Farmer had served a year in the Montana state prison in 1932, for forgery.

L. V. McAllister, truck driver for the Hawley Transfer company, charged with the transportation of livestock without a bill of sale or lading, entered a plea of guilty and no action was taken. The district attorney said it was a technical violation of the stock law. Haulers of stock are required to have a bill of lading from the stock shipper. V. Hassler's employer, McAllister, informed the court that in the future bills of lading would be received from stockmen before any stock was hauled.

The hearing of the three cases occupied most of the morning session of the court.

A nation-wide net of service stations to sell charcoal as fuel for automobiles is projected to help motorized Germany cut down its oil imports.

After East Texas farmers for years had regarded the "partridge pea" as a harmful weed, Cliff Wells, Franklin county farmer, used it for hay with success and is planning to harvest again.

CROCHETING BAR KEEPER GETS GRIST OF FAN MAIL



MILWAUKEE, Dec. 13.—(AP)—Harry Haberman, the tatting barber who lifts a barrel of beer without batting an eye, took time out from his Christmas sewing today to answer fan mail.

It all started when the news was spread that Harry, a former star athlete, does fine needlework when not busy serving drinks at his Wauwatosa tavern. They read about Harry in West Boylston, Mass., in Fresno, Calif., Reading, Pa., Minneapolis, Ore., Cleveland, O., and Miami—and wrote to him.

A "young widow" in Arizona wanted Harry to live with her and her mother on their ranch, where all three could "crochet and knit in contentment."

A New York night club wanted to put him in an act there. Harry didn't care much for that one—it would cheapen his work, he mused.

Another letter offered Harry a chance to go into business, manufacturing the "Haberman crocheting holder." Its inventor had the patent; Harry the fame. Perhaps they could

PEACE PROPOSAL GIVES ITALY BIG ETHIOPIAN SLICE

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of commons as the impression grew in Geneva the plan would be turned down.

British constituents protested to their representatives in parliament against the war settlement suggestion, which would give Italy a part of Ethiopia.

The sentiment reflected the reported efforts of smaller powers at the league conference to exert their influence for peace terms which would uphold league principles without approving Italian aggression by a grant of territory.

Reluctant To Reject
At Desay, Emperor Haile Selassie, who has not yet received the peace proposals, said personally he would summarily reject them if they provided for partition of Ethiopia.

An official communique from Addis Ababa reported the defeat of an Italian post near Deabu, north of Makale, by a strong Ethiopian patrol. Seven Italian soldiers were reported killed and an undetermined number wounded.

The Italians fled, burning villages behind them, the communique said.

Opposition from the British countryside led to comment in the parliamentary halls threatening to oust foreign Secretary Sir Samuel Hoare unless the League of Nations vetoed the peace offers formulated by him and Premier Pierre Laval of France.

A mutiny in the British cabinet was brewing, informed sources said, under the leadership of Neville Chamberlain, chancellor of the exchequer.

Plans for operating under the new federal social security law were discussed at a conference of county authorities and the state relief commission in Portland, County Judge Earl B. Day said upon his return from the up-state city this morning.

LAST RITES HELD FOR DR. G. E. LOW

Funeral services were held at the Hall and Hall funeral parlors yesterday afternoon for Dr. G. Earl Low, Grants Pass physician, who died in the Veterans' hospital in Portland early Monday morning. Interment was in the Grants Pass cemetery. A Masonic burial service was held at the graveside.

The pallbearers, all members of Dr. Low's former Masonic lodge in Coquille, were Fred Hudson, Peter Miller, Sprig Zeumault, J. Arthur Burg, Ben Curry and Fred McNeely. Dr. Low practiced for 15 years in Coquille before moving to Grants Pass four years ago. He was well-known in this section of Oregon where he left a host of friends to mourn his passing.

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