

OLD AGE PENSION SPREADS RAPIDLY UNDER NEW DEAL

Government Now Passing Out Near \$2,000,000 Monthly In 21 States—8 States Wait Approval.

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WASHINGTON, March 24.—(AP)—Social security board figures showed today the new deal's system of old age pensions for the needy is rapidly spreading through the nation.

The federal government is now passing out about \$2,000,000 a month for grants to almost a quarter of a million needy people in 21 states and the District of Columbia. Plans for extending the pensions to eight additional states await board approval.

These figures indicate that as soon as all states have come into the system, the government will be appropriating more than \$100,000,000 annually—matched by equal state funds—for pensions to more than 1,000,000 people over 65 years of age. Federal officials expressed hope it will go far towards caring for the estimated 1,800,000 needy unemployed.

Today's figures, prepared as a basis for next year's budget estimates, gave the first clear picture of the operations of the federal-state old age pension systems, one of the three major features of the social security law enacted at the last session.

It showed the cost of the plan running close to the estimates submitted to congress by the experts when the law was under debate, and far below some congressional estimates.

The figures available to the board on the size of pensions being paid by the states indicated the pensions were running from \$10 to \$30 a month, with an average of \$17.50, or somewhat lower than had been forecast by the experts.

Average To Grow
This average probably will be raised, however, when the big industrial states come into the plan. New York, which has paid the highest state pensions in the past, has not yet qualified.

There is the present status of the program:
Plans have been approved in 21 states and the District of Columbia, covering 223,913 persons, with a monthly outlay of \$3,928,492, half contributed by the federal government.

Plans are pending approval for eight states covering an estimated 281,799 individuals, at a monthly cost of \$4,735,430, half to be paid by the government.

If the other 19 states average about the same as those now approved or pending, the picture for the entire country will be:
Total pensioners—1,062,000.
Cost per month—\$18,719,000, half paid by federal government.
Cost per year—\$224,557,000, half paid by federal government.
Monthly pension average—\$17.50.

Board officials believe these averages will be raised somewhat by the additional states, because those still outside the system include New York, Pennsylvania and California.

Oregon Approved
Plans which have been approved are in Alabama, Connecticut, Delaware, District of Columbia, Idaho, Iowa, Maine, Maryland, Michigan, Mississippi, Missouri, Nebraska, New Hampshire, New Mexico, North Dakota, Oregon, Rhode Island, Utah, Vermont, Washington, Wisconsin and Wyoming.

States which have plans pending are Colorado, Florida, Illinois, Kansas, Massachusetts, Minnesota, Montana, and Ohio.

Virtually all of the states where plans have been approved have \$30 a month as the maximum monthly pensions, but they are based upon the degree of need and in most states average far below that figure. Under the law the federal government will pay up to \$15 a month if it is matched by the state.

Experts testifying before congressional committees when the program was under consideration credited the old age grant system would cover 1,048,000 persons in 1937 at a cost to the federal government of \$131,800,000.

Tween Acts Nip O. K.
ALBANY, N. Y., March 24.—(AP)—It's o. k. with the New York state assembly if theater patrons want liquor between acts. The assembly passed a bill, sponsored by theater owners, to permit theaters to sell liquor in the premises. The state senate and Governor Lehman must approve before it becomes law.

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This lunch counter at Wheeling, West Va., set up hurriedly during the flood crisis, did a rush business taking care of refugees and rescue crews on the inundated Wheeling Island. (Associated Press Photo)

CAST COMPLETED FOR SENIOR PLAY

Final casting for "The Nut Farm," by John C. Brownell, senior class play for 1936, has been completed and rehearsals are now proceeding at the high school under the direction of Kenneth Scott Woods.
The principal characters, young Mr. and Mrs. Bob Bent, will be played by Florence Ringen and Don Fields. Opal Bryant will take the part of Mrs. Barton and Bruce Hammond will portray Hamilton T. Holland.
Willie Barton will be played by Ed Vallier and J. Bliddeford by Phelan Benford. Ted Lindley will play Van Horton; Elaine Brophy, Agatha, Silscomb; Stan Kunzman, Mr. Silscomb; and Hazel Ross, Hilda.
Definite date for production of the play has not been announced as yet, but is planned for the last week in April.

SALEM LETS CONTRACT FOR WATER RESERVOIR
SALEM, March 24.—(AP)—The Salem city council last night awarded to the Slate Construction company of Albany the contract to dig a pit on Fairmont hill here for a 10,000,000 gallon water department reservoir.
The \$14,500 bid of the Albany company was low among nine bidders. The company agreed to complete the contract by May 31.

HELP ASKED FOR APPLE GROWERS

WASHINGTON, March 24.—(AP)—Pacific Northwest congressmen said today they had appealed to President Roosevelt for funds to rehabilitate Washington, Oregon and Idaho orchardists whose apple crops were ruined by last fall's freeze.
Representative White (D., Ida.) said the president was urged to modify seed loan requirements so benefits could be extended to apple growers. All allocation of \$1,500,000 from the seed loan fund is being sought.
Complete information on the plight of the orchardists was laid before the president at a White House conference Saturday afternoon, White said. He added the president, who left yesterday on a vacation trip to south Atlantic waters, is expected to act on the proposal upon his return to the capital.

JACKSONVILLE GRANGE TO OFFER WALTZ PRIZE
JACKSONVILLE, March 24.—(Sp.) Prizes will be awarded for the best waltz at the Grange dance next Saturday night. The Jacksonville Grange orchestra will furnish the music and the dance will continue to 2 a. m. The public is invited.
Regular Grange meeting will be held Friday night.

CROSS RECONCILES WRATH, MERCY OF GOD SAYS PASTOR

Giving the third message in a series on "The Cross," Fred M. Weatherford, Church of the Nazarene pastor-evangelist, spoke on "The Cross Unravels the Mystery of God's Wrath and Mercy."
"Christ," said the pastor, "taught the unfolding mystery of His blood when he said Matt. 26:28. 'This is my blood of the New Testament, which is shed for many for the remission of sin.' The teaching of the New Testament throughout is that man in his natural state is a sinner, alienated from God, and that the work of Christ is to reconcile God and man. In 2nd Cor. 5:19 we take these words: 'God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto Himself.'"

"The wrath and mercy of God seem to be irreconcilable attributes. On the other hand justice would seem to be the infliction of the penalty while on the other hand mercy would remit the penalty. But the Cross of Christ is the meeting place and harmonizing center of the Law of God, which would otherwise seem irreconcilable. The Cross of Christ is the fundamental focus in the fulfilling of God's law. Read Rom. 3:21-28.

"The Grace of God is the material fact that lies back of the cross. The blood is the tangible evidence, and the irrefutable fact of the love of God for a lost world. The nail-pierced hands and the bleeding heart of Jesus removes all doubt as to God's forgiving grace, and become the faith ground of assurance for our forgiveness.

"All sinning today is a recrimination and a recrucifixion of Christ. A refusal to confess Christ morally means an identification with that crowd who cried 'Away with Him.'"
"The invitation of the Cross today is an incomparable, though silent eloquence that opens to us a door, lighted with the immortal glow of heaven. It is the voice of God, opening to us the gate of a glorious eternity. It is the Cross that turns our boldest speech into silence, as we weep there in penitence for the hand of mercy to lift us out of our sins."

Dr. Dafoe Chooses Quits' Costumes

LONDON, Ont., March 24.—(P)—Dr. A. H. Dafoe picks out the dresses for the Dionne quintuplets, he said here today.
The guardian-physician for the five little sisters, in London to initiate a Red Cross campaign, also stressed his preference for bright shades of pink and blue.
Patterns are sent to the Callander hospital, where Dr. Dafoe makes his selections.

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BILL BARNUM IS FIRM ADVOCATE OF PURE WATER

Bill Barnum, Medford high school graduate and former editor of the Crater, school year book, who is now attending dental college in Portland, addressed the following communication to the Oregon Journal. The letter, emphasizing the value of pure water such as is available in this city, was printed March 20 on the editorial page. Barnum is the son of Mrs. E. N. Kridger of this city.
The letter is reproduced here:
Pure Water's Paramount Place
(This Point Stressed in Comment on an Editorial of the Journal on Corvallis' System; Other Oregon Cities Likewise Fortunate).
PORTLAND, March 17.—To the Editor of the Journal—I would like to comment on your recent editorial entitled "Is Wonderful Water Supply?" I would like to extend my congratulations to Corvallis on its new municipal water system. The new modern water system of the college city is something the citizens should be proud to own. Oregon is indeed fortunate in having good water systems throughout the state. Medford as one time experienced practically the same condition as Corvallis. A number of years ago, before over 30 miles of pipe had been laid from a mountain stream or spring, Medford citizens had to boil their water before using it. Now, Medford, too has one of the very best water supplies on the coast. It is commonly known as "Medford's million dollar water." It is a municipal system, the same as Corvallis. Although it is not so new as that of Corvallis, Medford is probably just as proud of its system as Corvallis is of its system.

Water is the most important thing the human being requires. It is the most imperative of all the individual wants of man. Clean, pure, cold spring water, as these two cities now have it, is a big asset to any city. Tourists remember cities for their good water supply. While it is important to a city as a whole, it is most important to everyday life. A city the size of Medford or Corvallis is indeed fortunate in having a fine water system.—W. L. Barnum.

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