

Changes Effective In Social Security Payroll Deductions

A significant change took place Jan. 1 in the social security law, according to W. V. Nusbbaum, manager of the Medford social security office.

All covered workers will now start to pay social security taxes on up to \$4,200 annually, instead of the former maximum of \$3,600, he said.

Actually, he pointed out, this change will not be immediately apparent in an employee's paycheck, since there will be no increase in the amount withheld. However, when a worker reaches \$3,600 in any one year, his social security deductions will not stop at that point, but will continue on until he has earned \$4,200. The same increase is also to be applied to self-employed individuals.

This broadening of the earnings base may mean increased contributions of up to \$12 per year for each worker and an equal amount for his employer. A self-employed individual may pay up to \$18 more each year. Nusbbaum states that such increased contributions lead to an increase in retirement benefits from \$98.50 to \$108.50 per month, with proportionately higher dependent and survivor benefits.

County Ranchers To Consign Bulls

Three Medford area ranchers will consign bulls to the 14th annual Red Bull sale set in the California city Feb. 3 through 5.

Included are Warren Bayliss, Medford, and Robert Field and John Bohnert, both Central Point.

More than 350 of the west's range bulls from nine western states will be auctioned at the sale, according to Charles F. Stover, sale chairman.

This year's sale will see 250 horned herdfords, 30 polled herdfords, 63 shorthorns and 23 angus bulls offered through the sales ring. Feature of the sale will be the auction of the 1,400-pound registered hereford. The sale features the University of Dimes on Feb. 5, city of California record-of-performance grading program, under which each individual bull is given a rating on the basis of conformation.

Air Force Reservists May Be Separated

All Air Force reserve officers placed in the Ineligible Reserve section during 1954 are now subject to retirement or separation, according to local reserve officials.

The only exception is for those with remaining reserve obligation and certain highly-critical specialists.

Included are reservists who failed to participate in the reserve program during 1954, after being placed in the IRS status on Jan. 1, 1954. Each was required last year to earn at least 15 points.

Information on the status of any such reservist can be obtained at the Air Reserve center, 33 North Riverside ave., upstairs.

Court Records

POLICE COURT
Karl Leon Bedell Jr., violation of basic rule, \$10.
Geneva Belle Jones, failure to stop at red light, \$5.
Jackie Dean McKinney, violation of basic rule, \$10.
Henry Lowell Stevens, 18, Klamath Falls, reckless driving, \$25.
Donald Dale Hutchins, 20, route 1, box 8B, Jacksonville, reckless driving, \$25.
Leo Sibley Callaway, violation of basic rule, \$10.
Donald Calvin Imhausen, no operator's license, \$5.
Larry Dale Quakenbush, no operator's permit, \$5.
Alva Ernest Watts, failure to yield the right of way, \$10.
Marie Elizabeth Johansen, failure to stop at red light, \$5.

DISTRICT COURT
Gary M. Croucher, only one license plate, \$10, bail forfeited.
James L. E. Webb, no red flag on extended load, \$10, bail forfeited.
Roy E. Morris, no clearance lights, \$10, bail forfeited.
John N. Boyce, failure to give hand signal, \$10, bail forfeited.
Clarence S. Miller, passing with insufficient clearance, \$10, bail forfeited.
Charles M. Plummer, 19, Ashland, illegal possession of intoxicating liquor, \$35, bail forfeited.
Daniel T. Ewart, failure to operate on proper side of highway, \$5.
Richard L. Sanderson, overload, \$30.
Ernest W. Evans, overload, \$101.
Paul R. Eckel, defective muffler, \$15.
Thomas Hanson, burning during closed season without permit, \$30.
Donald L. McPherson, violation of basic rule, \$25 bail forfeited.
Marshall O. Besonette, failure to stop at stop sign, \$10.
Stephen O. Wilson, no vehicle license, \$10, bail forfeited.
David E. Robertson, overheight load, \$10.
Raymond L. Price, overload, \$93.

CIRCUIT COURT
Lillie Lenore Howard vs. James M. Howard, divorce complaint.

MARRIAGE LICENSE APPLICATIONS
Earl William Kelley, 30, of Box 86, Central Point, and Dorothy May Medley, 33, of route 3, box 817, Central Point.
Robert J. Loucks, 38, Phoenix, and Jean H. Hudson, 34, Phoenix.
Thomas William Merriman, 18, of 304 King st., Medford, and Dora Mae Leffler, 18, of 35 Chestnut st., Medford.

Dead line Sunday Classified is at noon Saturday 10 a.m. Monday for Monday, other days 5:30 previous day.

Mayor Flynn Reports

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costs. Floor covering is needed in most of the building. Many of the plumbing fixtures should be replaced.

12. A modern airport terminal building has been constructed and many improvements to apron taxiways and runway, etc.

13. New franchises were negotiated with The California Oregon Power company, Pacific Telephone and Telegraph company and the City Sanitary Service. (This required a great deal of study and time).

14. Decontrolled rent — a very controversial war-time measure in this area. Many meetings were held and I believe, looking back on this act by the city, decontrol promoted a greater expansion of home and apartment building by the citizens.

New Water Project Completed
15. A new pipe line and Willow Springs dam were constructed by the water commission which more than doubled the city water supply. (There is no question that everyone in Medford is proud of its water supply and the water commission should be congratulated).

16. New street signs were installed on all streets in the city. East Main and Dakota aves. were widened. Improved all night parking was permitted under a new traffic ordinance in some areas. A revised zoning ordinance and building ordinance was approved by the council.

17. Student Government day was inaugurated. It has been a great help in bringing students and parents closer to their city and county governments. Much credit goes to Mrs. Justin Smith and the B.P.O.E. for making this possible.

18. Quarterly meetings of city officials of Jackson and Josephine county have done much to help solve city problems in this area and to create better understanding of our mutual problems.

19. The office of city manager was approved by the voters on Nov. 2 this year.

20. Through the cooperation of the Army committee, Chamber of Commerce and Jackson county officials preliminary development of a new Army was accomplished.

21. The installation of water facilities for industrial and warehouse use north of Medford has been started through the cooperation of the Chamber of Commerce and the water commission.

Still Face Several Problems
The following projects are some of the things we must face:

1. The first is to install the office of city manager. Under the charter change, this should be done immediately. Under this provision, the management has the power to appoint the different department heads, such as police chief, fire chief, engineer, public works director and others. I hope that he doesn't disrupt the present personnel to any great extent, for the men and women that have served the city have had years of experience and are a valuable asset to the city. I feel the office of recorder and treasurer should be consolidated as soon as possible and that one department be known as the department of finance be set in operation.

2. A very urgent requirement is consideration of annexation. The longer we wait the more costly it will be to the city. A study should be made at once and action as soon as possible. Sanitation and water is badly needed for these areas. Duff's report of Aug. 16, 1954 is excellent to follow. This will not only increase acreage but the population and we will continue to hold leadership as fourth city in the state.

3. We are faced with a major street program. As the Origin and Destination Highway commission shows, a growing need for more through streets plus a by-pass route exists. I feel that under the multi-billion dollar program as outlined by the President and Governor, we should expect action by the government and state before too long.

4. The matter of off-street parking is one that has to be considered if the downtown area is to continue to hold its own. This is a problem that the administration must assist the property owners with. How it can be financed is one problem to be studied. I feel that the property owners and the council should obtain the services of a competent person from some bonding company or other agency to advise on financing and also an expert of help on consultation as to the real need.

5. We have a real problem on sanitary and drainage sewers. Some of the areas in West Medford, on Fir, West Second, Jackson sts., and in the Laurelhurst section have real problems when a heavy rain occurs.

Most of the drainage sewers have been installed in West Medford, but we have the same problems in East Medford as well, and as more homes and streets are constructed, the problem increases. We are also facing a sanitary problem in Southeast Medford. Due to the fast development of this area, such as Verde Hills and other annexations and the fringe areas east of the Country club, the ground will not continue to handle septic tanks properly. I feel that as time goes on, health could be endangered by the lack of sanitary sewers in these other areas.

6. Consideration should be given to working conditions of city employees to be able to keep good people on these jobs. We should be competitive on hours and some insurance benefits. I also think the council should reconsider the salary for the mayor. I know from my experience it has cost me a lot of money in six years to serve the city. The salary should be large enough at least to pay the expenses that one is required to spend to hold this office.

I also feel that Council should be compensated accordingly. Every effort should be made to hold down taxes on the local level, but I have already said, much-needed improvements are required and for that reason, new mediums of taxation will have to be considered in our state, and the sooner the people in Oregon consider some method, such as is used in Washington and California and many other states, the sooner we will be able to get our fair share of the money to run our local government.

I wish to thank the new mayor, city council and citizens of Medford for the splendid cooperation I have had from all of you. The job would have been impossible if it hadn't been for the wonderful cooperation of Superintendent Bob Duff, and his fine associates. Thanks to the fine men and women for helping to make the job possible.

Through the fine cooperation of The Mail Tribune, KYJC, KMED and KBES-TV, you, the citizens have been informed of the news and happenings in the city.

If it hadn't been for our efficient secretary to the mayor and council and Mr. Duff's office, this report and much work she has relieved us of would not have been possible. To her a real "thank you," for a swell job.

In closing let me say thanks again, and always feel free to call on me at any time to help if I can be of service to Medford.

Stolen Plane Hits California House; Two on Craft Hurt

Palos Verdes, Calif. — (U.P.) — Two men crashed a small Stinson cabin airplane stolen from Long Beach Airport into a Palos Verdes home early Saturday but the house's eight occupants escaped injury.

The two men suffered multiple cuts and bruises in the crash. Their condition was not serious. Two Seamen

William V. Stanley, 30, Long Beach, a merchant marine man attached to the USS Norwalk Victory, was identified as pilot of the plane. With him was Richard Lee Harley, a 23-year-old sailor assigned to the USS Rendova. Police said Stanley took the plane, owned by De Witt C. Maine, Long Beach, from the airport and started flying over Southern California beach cities.

Watched on Radar
James McMeans, a radio dispatcher at Los Angeles International Airport, said he kept the plane in his radarscope while it flew over Hermosa and Redondo beaches. McMeans lost the plane on the screen at 3:20 a. m.

Shortly afterward the plane crashed into the home of Levering Lawarson, 62, Palos Verdes. Eight persons asleep in the home were uninjured.

Sinatra, Gloria Dodge Newsmen as Romance Reported

New York — (U.P.) — Gloria Vanderbilt Stokowski and her escort, Frank Sinatra, tried unsuccessfully Friday to dodge the press and kill reports of their reported romance.

Sinatra, who is estranged from his actress wife, Ava Gardner, accompanied the 30-year-old heiress to a rehearsal at her director's apartment, the airport, lunch at a fashionable hotel and then back to Gloria's apartment. **Issues Denial**

Mrs. Stokowski, who has left her 67-year-old maestro husband, Leopold, to take up a theatrical career, denied that any third person was involved in her separation.

"This separation, please understand, has nothing to do with any third person," she said.

"Leopold and I have talked about this for three years and the reason I am doing this is because I feel it is the best thing for my children.

Lived Almost Alone
"Leopold is a genius and I have tremendous admiration and respect for him. But he is dedicated to his work and I've practically lived alone the last three years, with Leopold away on concert tours for as long as seven months at a time. . . now I want to start a new life for myself and my children."

Sinatra said "she's a good companion and we enjoy going around together. It's just friendship. Today I just volunteered to help her go to the airport to meet a friend."

Stowkoski said that "if and when" he has a statement to make "it will be released to everybody through formal channels."

Age Khan Honored by Queen of England
London — (U.P.) — Queen Elizabeth II honored the Aga Khan on the new year's honors list.

The award — Knight Grand Cross of the order of St. Michael and St. George — is generally given for valuable service to Britain and the Commonwealth.

It was assumed the wealthy father of Aly Khan had been named for the influence he wields wherever his millions of Moslem followers live.

Bandit Flees Before Grandmother's Wrath

Newark, N. J. — (U.P.) — A bandit entered a sporting goods store, pointed a revolver at Mrs. Beatrice Deegan, a 58-year-old grandmother, and snarled, "Let me have the money."
"Get out, you bum," Mrs. Deegan shouted.
The surprised bandit fled.

Burglary Attempted At Grocery Store

An attempted burglary was reported yesterday at the Groceteria, 200 West Sixth st., according to city police.

Nothing was reported missing from the store, police added. Entry to the attic of the building was gained by making a hole in the roof. The burglars apparently didn't get any farther than the attic, police said.

The entry was discovered yesterday morning by a butcher who noticed water on the store's floor. Investigating for a possible leak in the roof, he found the entry hole, police said.

McPherson Services Planned on Monday

Funeral services for Frederick J. McPherson, 66, GeBauer apartments, who was killed in an automobile wreck Thursday, will be held at the Perl Funeral home Monday at 2:30 p. m.

The Rev. D. Kirkland West will officiate. Interment will be private at the Siskiyou crematorium.

Medford lodge No. 103, AF and AM, will participate in the services at the chapel.

Mr. McPherson had been a Medford resident since about 1915. He was engaged in the lumber business, and earlier operated a men's clothing store here until 1932.

He was born in Schuyler, Neb., on Feb. 18, 1888. Survivors include his wife and son, Fred N., and several nephews in Portland.

Yakima Dam Contract Scheduled for April

Prosser — (U.P.) — The Bureau of Reclamation probably will let contracts in April for work on the Yakima River dam in the Columbia River, construction engineer W. L. Kerrer said Saturday.

He said the work would include fish ladders and improvements on the dam. Kerrer added that a contract probably will be awarded in July for raising the level of the dam 18 inches with work on the project scheduled to start in September.

Sen. McClellan Promises End Of 'One Man' Investigations

Washington — (U.P.) — The McClellan Investigating Subcommittee, under new Democratic management, will continue to investigate Communism, but not to the exclusion of other matters and there will be no "one-man" hearings.

That forecast came late Friday from Sen. John L. McClellan (D-Ark.) who will succeed Sen. Joseph R. McCarthy (R-Wis.) as chairman of the Senate Government Operations Committee.

McClellan told newsmen he also expects to head the group's special investigating subcommittee which McCarthy likewise now heads and which has kept in the headlines for the past two years.

No "One-Man" Hearings
In any event, McClellan said, he would "insist" that there be no "one-man" subcommittee hearings.

After the Democrats take control of Congress next week, McClellan said, the investigations subcommittee will be "just as interested" in Communist infiltration of the government as it was under McCarthy and the GOP-controlled Congress.

McClellan said he believes the subcommittee will need a \$150,000 annual budget to do its job. That compares with \$100,000 a

year it received in the last Democratic Congress and with \$200,000 it got in the GOP Congress.

Leftover Funds
McClellan told newsmen in a separate interview Friday that the subcommittee will turn over a "substantial amount" of leftover funds to the Democrats in the next Congress. He will remain on the subcommittee as its senior Republican member.

McClellan also said he will ask that James N. Juliana, now subcommittee staff director, be appointed minority counsel for the Republicans. He anticipates no opposition from Democrats since they had a special Democratic counsel, Robert F. Kennedy.

Kennedy is expected to become general counsel under the new regime.

McClellan said the present committee staff is working on several reports which he hopes to have ready for the full committee next week. One will deal with the investigation of subversives in defense plants, another with the inquiry into alleged subversion at Fort Monmouth, N. J., and a third with the investigation of Maj. Irving Peress, former Army dentist who refused to answer questions before the subcommittee.

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