

Disability Provision In Social Security Benefits Described

Seriously disabled people formerly covered by the social security law should get in touch with the social security office by June 30 and find out about having their earnings record "frozen," W. V. Nusbaum, social security district manager, announced today.

Nusbaum believes that many people in Jackson and Josephine counties will be helped by the disability freeze provision in the 1954 social security amendments. This part of the law is designed to aid workers who become totally disabled after having worked for a certain number of years in employment or self-employment covered by social security. It provides that their social security rights will not decrease during the period of disability.

Larger Benefits Possible

Many disabled people now getting retirement payments, Nusbaum pointed out, can qualify under this provision for a larger benefit amount as of July. If the disabled person dies after June 30, the disability can protect his family's right to survivors' payments, but only if he had applied for it before his death.

Active military service in World War II and post-war periods and employment in the railway industry may count toward the needed amount of work.

Although the law does not provide for the payment of cash social security retirement benefits before the worker reaches 65, it is nevertheless important that a disabled individual get in touch promptly with the Social Security administration and establish the fact of his disability.

The address of the Medford social security office is 33 North Riverside ave. If a disabled person is unable to call at the office, he may telephone or someone else may call for him, Nusbaum said.

Medford CAP Unit Getting Prepared For Summer Camp

The Medford squadron of the Civil Air patrol is preparing for the annual summer encampment at the Portland Air Force base, it was reported today.

This year the annual CAP summer encampment will be held June 18-26. An Air Force plane will come to Medford June 18 and pick up all CAP personnel attending the nine-day encampment, and will return all members on June 28.

All cadets planning to attend this year's encampment were to submit their applications to the commanding officer before May 17, in order to reserve space.

All cadets must complete the CAP physical examination report, have 1955-56 renewal ID cards, have two complete CAP uniforms, one fatigue uniform and must have approximately \$15 in cash to help pay for meals and insurance.

All cadets at summer camp live on the Air Force base and learn to conduct themselves as the regular Air Force personnel. They attend drills and classes, receive Link trainer time, and are taken on orientation flights in military aircraft. This training is of particular value to any cadet who plans on entering any of the armed services in the future, it was stated.

Smoke Poisoning Fatal To Fireman

Raymond, Wash. — (U.P.) — Howard A. Norman, a veteran volunteer fireman, died from smoke poisoning yesterday while searching the Rainier apartments for possible trapped occupants after fire broke out in the building.

Fire Chief Charles Oldani suffered an injured shoulder while directing search of the structure.

Norman's body was found in a charred apartment after the blaze apparently started near the chimney.

Youth Legislature Will Open Friday

Salem — (U.P.) — The eighth annual Oregon Youth Legislature opens here tomorrow with one thing certain. It will be shorter than the 115-day session recently adjourned by the regular legislature. The youthful lawmakers wind up their business Saturday.

Gov. Paul Patterson will welcome the delegates tomorrow. Carroll E. McCastland of Gresham is youth governor.

The event is sponsored by the Pacific Northwest council of the YMCA.

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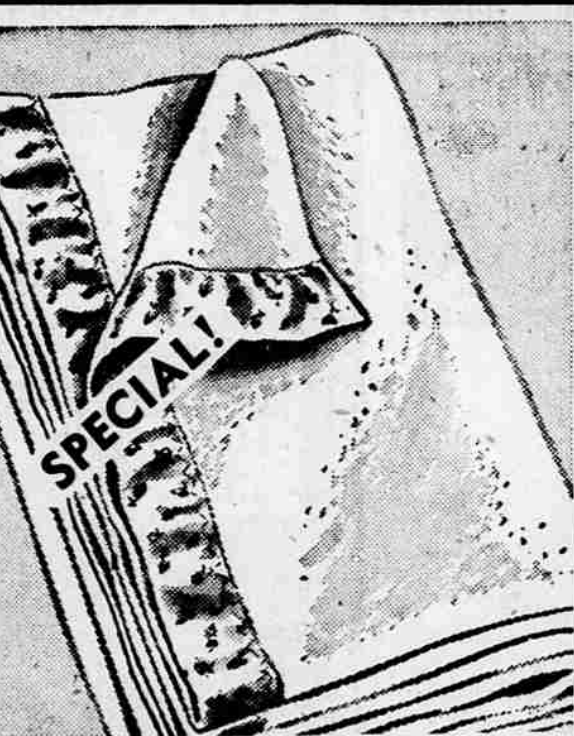
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