

Social Security Coverage Changed Under New Ruling

(Editor's Note: The following is the last in a series of articles prepared by the Social Security administration describing important changes in the Social Security law enacted by Congress this year. According to the local Social Security office, they will affect more than 600 women in Jackson and Josephine counties, some 200 or 300 disabled persons and an unknown but considerable number of lawyers, dentists and other professional people as well as farmers.)

When farm and ranch employees were first brought under social security in 1950 coverage under the old-age and survivors insurance program was restricted to those workers who met a rather strict and complicated regularity-of-work test. The 1954 amendments changed the above test. The regularity-of-work restriction was removed and replaced by a cash wages test. Through 1956, if a farm employee is paid as much as \$100 cash wages by any one farm employer in a year, his

earnings are creditable for social security purposes and should be reported by the employer to his social security account.

Further Change

This year a further change has been made in the coverage test for farm employees. Under an amendment which will become effective beginning with 1957, farm work will count toward social security benefits if the worker meets either of two conditions. They are (1) If the farm employer pays him \$150 or more in cash during the year; and (2) if he does farm work for an employer on 20 or more days figured on a time basis (that is, on some unit of time such as an hour, day, or week), rather than on a piece-rate basis.

For the \$150-a-year test, both piece-rate pay and pay based on a unit of time count and the total number of days worked does not matter; for the 20-day test, the total amount of cash pay is not a consideration so long as farm work is done for one employer on 20 or more days for cash pay.

The 1954 law did not cover agricultural work performed by workers from Mexico hired under contract or by foreign workers lawfully from the British West Indies on a temporary basis.

Under the 1956 amendments, service performed by foreign workers admitted to the United States on a temporary basis to perform agricultural work from any foreign country will not be covered by the law after 1956.

Lowell Firm Awarded Contract by Engineers

Portland — (U.P.) — C. Vern White of Lowell has been awarded a \$13,795 contract to build an access road, parking area, boat launching camp, guard rail and latrines in the Hampton recreational area at Lookout Point reservoir in Lane county, the Corps of Engineers said today.

Hampton recreation area is located upstream on the highway side of the reservoir on the middle fork of the Willamette river. The recreation area will be turned over to the U.S. Forest Service for operation and maintenance since it is within the Willamette National forest.

FCC Authorizes Western Union Rate Increases

Washington — (U.P.) — The Federal Communications Commission today authorized Western Union to increase its domestic press rate, and its rates on both general and press messages and money orders to Canada and Mexico.

The company estimated the boosts will bring in \$626,000 in additional revenue each year, allowing for some loss of business due to the higher rates.

An 8.2 percent increase in interstate press messages within the United States will take effect Friday. The hike is expected to produce about \$196,000 per year.

The other increases are: A 19.3 percent hike in general messages, a 16.3 percent boost in press messages and 3.6 percent increase for money orders sent between the United States and Mexico. These also go into effect Friday.

General Messages
A 9.9 percent increase in general messages, 16.3 percent hike in press messages and 10.3 percent boost in money orders between the United States and Canada, and the French St. Pierre-Miquelon Islands of St. Scilla. These increases will start Sept. 24.

The new hikes supplement a boost in general domestic and foreign telegraph rates which took effect Aug. 26. These amounts to approximately \$9.6 million per year.

Western Union requested the series of rate increases to meet new employee wage agreements. The American Newspaper Publishers association protested the press rate boost in a letter to the FCC Aug. 24. However, the ANPA did not ask for a hearing.

Heintz Low Bidder On Revetment Work

Portland — (U.P.) — R. A. Heintz Construction Co., Portland, was low of four bidders at \$108,996 for construction of dumped stone revetment and drift barriers along the left bank of Albany channel of the Willamette river nine miles south of Corvallis, the Corps of Engineers said today.

The site is known as the W. W. Smith Estate location. Completion time is 75 calendar days.

Seven-Year-Old Admits Part in Killing Father

Norwalk, Calif. — (U.P.) — A seven-year-old boy admitted early today he was the triggerman in a conspiracy with his two brothers to kill their sleeping father and set up an ambush for their mother, sheriff's deputies reported.

The father, steelworker Thomas W. Parker, 31, was shot in the head with a .22-caliber rifle Tuesday afternoon as he napped.

Deputies said that up until midnight Parker's sons, Tommy, 10, Bobby, 9, and Richard, 7, freely admitted the plot and finally the youngest boy admitted that he alone shot Parker. They said the reprisal was planned because they were disciplined.

Loaded Weapon
Richard told deputies he stole into his father's room and pulled the trigger after Tommy had loaded the weapon and handed it to him saying:

"Go on in and shoot daddy now."

The mother, Betty, 29, returned unexpectedly before plans for her ambush could be carried out. She found her husband's mortally wounded body and called the sheriff's office.

Officers said the boys had come to the attention of juvenile officers prior to Tuesday's shooting in connection with thefts in the neighborhood.

Li. Al Etzel said they showed no remorse over the tragedy. The Parkers also have a fourth son, Harry, 4, who was not involved in the shooting, although he had been disciplined, and a daughter, Charlotte, 21 months.

Northwest Reaches Highest Dollar Volume

Portland — (U.P.) — The Pacific Northwest reached its highest total dollar volume of record last month. According to a survey of 47 of the area's larger cities conducted by Equitable Savings and Loan association's statistical department, the August total was better than \$5 billion ahead of August 1955.

Actual valuation for August was \$36,303,153, four per cent ahead of July and 16 per cent more than August 1955. Bulk of the boom during the first eight months of this year was supplied by commercial, civic and industrial construction.

Beck Elected Head of Education Chapter

Salem — (U.P.) — A. L. Beck, Salem, has been elected president of the State Department of Education chapter of the Oregon Education association.

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Man Claims Beating Resulted in Injuries

A civil complaint arising from an assault and battery charge has been filed this week in circuit court with the plaintiff seeking \$30,250 in damages.

Leland Clark, 133 White Oak dr., plaintiff in the suit, charges that on Dec. 21, 1955, Warren Hamlin, 2309 Hillcrest rd., attacked and beat him without provocation.

Clark stated in the complaint he suffered severe cuts and bruises on the face and head, lacerations, a hemorrhage and a ruptured left ear drum, which he says caused unconsciousness and resulted in a severe head concussion.

Clark also claims he has suffered mental pain, an aggravation of an old back injury and permanently impaired hearing.

The plaintiff is asking \$2,000 general damages, \$10,000 exemplary damages and \$250 medical expenses.

Expanded Rights Asked by Roosevelt

Los Angeles — (U.P.) — Rep. James Roosevelt (D-Calif.) has requested expanded visitation rights with his three children by his former wife, Mrs. Romelle Roosevelt.

Roosevelt filed a superior court petition yesterday stating that since his recent marriage he has adequate facilities for taking his children with him for visits at such times as the court may decree. No immediate date, however, was set for a hearing on the plan.

The eldest son of the late President Roosevelt was accompanied in court by his third wife, Mrs. Irene Owens Roosevelt, 39. Roosevelt also requested that child support payments stop during periods he has the children, Jimmy 11, Michael 9, and Eleanor 8.

The Congressman may only see the children in their mother's Pasadena, Calif. home under terms of Mrs. Romelle Roosevelt's divorce.

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Pleas, Arguments Entered in Court

Portland — (U.P.) — Portland courtrooms buzzed with the aftermath of the recent grand jury probe into alleged vice conditions in the city yesterday as some of the principles in the investigation entered pleas or presented arguments.

Taking the spotlight in the action was the move of James B. Elkins and Raymond F. Clark to have evidence suppressed that was seized in a raid on Clark's home and resulted in wire tapping indictments against them.

Seven Portland police officers entered pleas of innocent to indictments charging them with perjury.

A two-hour hearing in the court of Judge Frank J. Loneragan resulted in a series of motions seeking dismissal of indictments against Clark and Elkins.

At one point, Deputy District Attorney Howard Loneragan concurred with attorneys for the defendants seeking dismissal of the indictments. He suggested that the entire matter should be turned over to federal authorities who have already seized the tape recordings.

Attorney General Robert Y. Thornton opposed the motion, stating that he questioned the power of federal authorities to seize evidence already in custody of state police.

Judge Loneragan concurred with Thornton that there was a serious question involved in the federal seizure. He took the series of motions for suppression of the evidence under advisement.

For Action, Use Tribune Want Ads

Nursing Homes Seek Welfare Rate Hike

Eugene — (U.P.) — Nursing home operators throughout Oregon met today to decide what action will be taken if a requested 60 per cent increase in welfare rates is not granted.

A spokesman for the operators said they are faced with two alternatives: They must either secure an immediate raise in welfare rates, or fill their beds with other than welfare patients.

Many of the nursing home operators are near bankruptcy, the spokesman said, and would be forced out of business unless the welfare commission applied to the secretary of state for an emergency fund.

New Winter Wheat Is Named 'Burt'

Pullman — (U.P.) — The Pacific Northwest's new bread-type, Smut resistant hard white winter wheat, released Aug. 24 by the Washington and Oregon agricultural experiment stations has been named "Burt."

John S. Carver, Washington State College research director, said the cereal office of the U.S. Department of Agriculture has cleared the title.

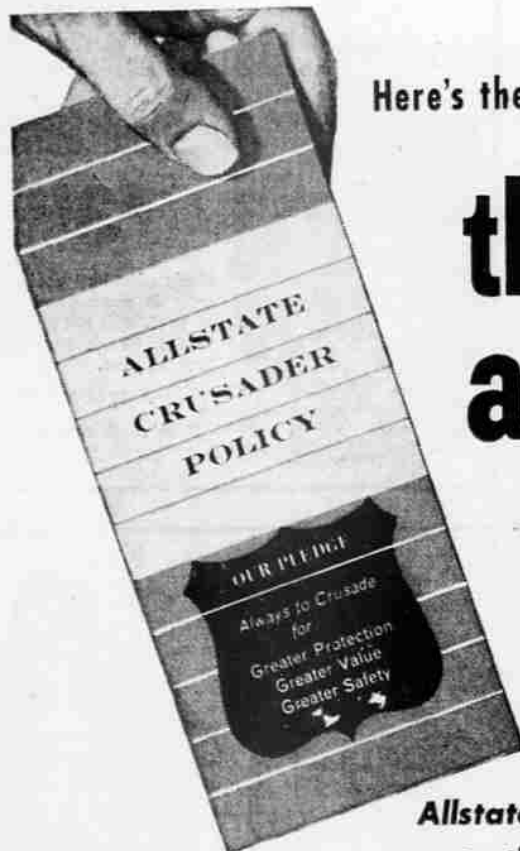
The name, Burt, Carver said, was selected in honor of the late Dr. Burton Bayles, wheat breeder and USDA wheat project administrator.

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