

Social Security Benefits Paid To 9 Million People Per Month

Social security benefits at the end of 1955 are being paid to 9,200,000 persons at the rate of \$485 million a month, according to W. V. Nussbaum, district manager of the Medford social security office.

Insurance benefit payments to women beginning at age 62 first became payable for November and already 375,000 women in the 62-65 age group have started receiving monthly checks.

About 3 million members of the armed forces will start in January to earn old-age, survivors and disability insurance protection on the same contributory basis as about 55 million civilian workers earn theirs.

Social security taxes will be deducted from the pay of members of the armed forces and the government, like other employers, will pay an equal amount. Members of the armed forces received gratuitous social security credit for military service in World War II and up to Jan. 1, 1957, but they made no tax contribution for this coverage.

About 200,000 self-employed lawyers, dentists, osteopaths, veterinarians, chiropractors, naturopaths and optometrists will get social security credit for their 1956 earnings. Along with the self-employed people who

were previously covered by the law, they will pay their social security self-employment tax in 1957 at the time they file their 1956 income tax returns.

The year 1956 can count toward social security protection for about 400,000 farm owners who rent their farms to others, but who participate in the farming operation. If the farm landlord has an agreement with the renter or sharecropper under which the landlord participates materially in the operation or management of the crops or livestock, the farm landlord's in-

come from the land counts toward social security.

At the end of the year approximately 60 per cent of the 10 million persons past age 65 who are without income from employment were receiving old-age and survivors insurance benefits.

More than 60 per cent of the paternal orphans in the country were receiving survivors insurance benefits.

Money to pay the benefits comes from the old-age and survivors insurance trust fund, which is built up from social security taxes paid by employees, employers and self-employed people covered by the law. This fund is kept separate from all other treasury receipts and can be used only to pay social security benefits and the costs of administration of the program.

During 1956 the trust fund received \$6.6 billion, of which \$525,000,000 was interest on that part of the fund which is not needed for current benefits and is invested in government securities.

Benefit payments for the 12-month period ending Dec. 31, 1956, totaled \$5.7 billion. Administrative expenses for the same period were \$133,000,000. Eight million dollars went into the trust fund to be held for future benefit payments. The total assets of the trust fund as of Dec. 31, 1956, were \$22.5 billion.

Beginning Jan. 1 the social security tax which workers pay, and which is matched by their employers, will be raised from 2 per cent to 2 1/4 per cent. The social security tax paid by self-employed people of their earnings in 1957 will be increased from 3 per cent to 3 3/8 per cent. The additional tax will be used to finance the new disability in-

urance program, which provides monthly social security payments to qualified disabled workers between the ages of 50 and 65.

Nussbaum pointed out that disabled people, regardless of age, should not wait too long to find out about the disability provisions of the law. Those who are 30 or over should ask about disability benefits, and those not

yet 50 should inquire about having their social security earnings records "froze" to protect future benefit rights.

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HE CAME OUT ALIVE—Pain shows on the face of Clair Zimmerman of Fond du Lac, Wis., as rescuers attempt to free him from the wreckage of his car. Zimmerman was pinned for more than an hour after colliding with a truck on U. S. Highway 41 three miles north of Lomira, Wis. The truck driver, Walter Huber, 24, of Milwaukee was killed.

Curtis E. Hopkins Promoted to Major

Capt. Curtis E. Hopkins, son of Mr. and Mrs. Curtis L. Hopkins, route 2, Medford, has been promoted to major in the Air Force.

A veteran of 14 years Air Force service with 117 combat missions, Major Hopkins is a jet bomber pilot stationed at Hunter Air Force base, Savannah, Ga., home of the Strategic Air Command's 38th air division. A member of the 49th bombardment squadron, he is an aircraft commander on one of the B-47 strategic bombers with which his squadron is equipped.

Major Hopkins' squadron is a unit of the 2nd bombardment wing, one of the oldest organizations in the Air Force and one of the air division's two combat wings.

During World War II he served as a bombardier in Italy where he was credited with 35 combat missions. He entered the Air Force in 1942 after graduating from Medford High school.

Receiving pilot training in 1948, he served as a pilot, navigator and bombardier in the Korean conflict, adding 82 combat missions to his record.

Major Hopkins holds the Distinguished Flying Cross and the Air Medal with eight clusters.

He is married to the former Miss Betty Jane Johnson of Medford. The Hopkins, now residing in Savannah, have two daughters, Cherrie and Janette, and a son, Curtis.

The Family Council

Editor's note: The Family Council consists of a judge, a psychiatrist, three clergymen, a newspaper editor, a women's editor and two writers. Each article is a summary of an actual report. The Family Council does not give advice; it merely reports on problems that have been dealt with by responsible agencies and counselors.

Mr. K.G.—Our son wants to marry out of his faith.
Mrs. K.G.—It's the fault of the college.

Mr. K.G.—Three years ago our oldest son, Mark, went off to college, a fine, obedient young man. He was very grateful to us for the sacrifices we have had to make to put him through school.

Now he has turned against us and wants to marry a girl of a different faith. We never made any demands on him as far as religion was concerned. We let him go his own way, but we only asked that he marry within his faith.

I feel the colleges do a great deal of harm by mixing up young people of different faiths and races and giving them no good guidance as far as marriage is concerned. I want to cut off Mark's allowance and force him to come to terms, but my wife disagrees.

Mrs. K.G.—I agree with my husband that the whole thing is the fault of the college. They take no responsibility for directing the students socially.

I feel that the girl's parents should also have more responsibility in the matter. The girl is more open to her parents' influence, and I'm sure they can break this thing up if they try. I feel we ought to go to them and ask them to do this.

I don't think my husband's plan is a good one. If he cuts off

Mark's allowance, he'll just quit school and go to work and marry the girl. We have been too good to Mark. I can't understand how he can break our hearts like this.

The Council—These parents are hysterical and are thrashing around trying to find someone on whom to put the responsibility for Mark's defection from his faith. They will get nowhere.

Neither parent has a practical plan. If the allowance is cut off, it is certainly possible that Mark will quit school and marry the girl. If they go to the girl's parents, they will probably find these people just as helpless as they are.

These parents should recognize they have no right to expect the college or another set of persons to make up for what they failed to give their son.

Mr. and Mrs. K.G. evidently wanted their son to marry within his faith without bothering to give him a clear understanding of what that faith was and why it mattered to perpetuate it through the family. They let Mark "go his own way" and "never make any demands on him as far as religion was concerned" and now when he is nearly an adult, they expect him or his college to become aroused about something that is completely foreign to his background.

Being Unfair
They are being unfair to Mark when they expect him to consider their hearts before his own when it comes to marriage and they are being unfair to the college when they expect it to give guidance of this sort. They should have sent him to a college sponsored by their faith if they wanted the religious background supplied at this late date.

The average college today has a mixture of young people of many faiths, races and social backgrounds because many educators feel that this teaches young people to step into the adult world with a certain assurance about their ability to deal with a broad range of individuals. It is assumed that the student's early training and parental guidance will help them in their choice of a marriage partner.

The best course these parents can now follow is to ask Mark to discuss the matter fully with a clergyman of his own faith. It is possible that he can still gain a new insight into religious matters. The parents might follow Mark's example and gain some religious insight of their own.

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Change Sack Taken From Restaurant

A bag containing about \$15 in small change was reported taken in a break and entry Friday night at the Crispie Creme Donut shop, 912 South Central ave., city police reported Saturday.

Thomas S. Humphries, 3455 Forrest ave., Medford, owner of the establishment, told police the building was entered sometime between 8:30 p.m. Friday and 8:30 a.m. Saturday.

Officers said a window on the south side of the building had been broken and unlatched. The window was then raised and the restaurant office entered.

Investigation indicated a desk had been opened and a key taken from a desk drawer. The key was used to open a file case in the same room, officers said. Nothing was believed taken from the file cabinet, though a change sack was missing.

Officers said the intruder apparently left the building through a back door which was discovered unbolting. Several fingerprints were found in the building and photographed by police.

Death Takes Former Hornbrook Resident

By MRS. H. H. CHAPMAN

Hornbrook—Word has been received here by Mrs. Ruth Howard Cummins of the death of her uncle, George E. "Del" Howard, Mr. Howard passed away on his 78th birthday, Dec. 24, in Seattle, Wash., at the home of his brother, Ivan, with whom he had lived for many years.

For a period of over 20 years, Howard was a well-known figure in major league baseball, where he played first base for the Chicago Cubs in the days of the famous "Tinker-to-Evers-to-Chance" double play combination that resulted in the Cubs winning the pennant and playing in the World Series three consecutive years, 1906, 1907 and 1908.

He also played against Babe Ruth and Lou Gehrig, and later, after moving to the west coast, purchased and managed the San Francisco Seals, and was part owner of the Oakland Oaks, of which he was still part owner at the time of his death.

Even after his retirement from active participation in baseball, he maintained a keen and lively interest in the game. In the fall of 1929, he and his wife, and his brother and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Howard, moved from Oakland, Calif., to Hornbrook, and bought Camp Lowe on the Klamath river and operated it until 1942, when they sold out and moved to Seattle. After the death of his wife at Camp Lowe, Howard had made his home with his brother. He was born at Kenney, Ill.

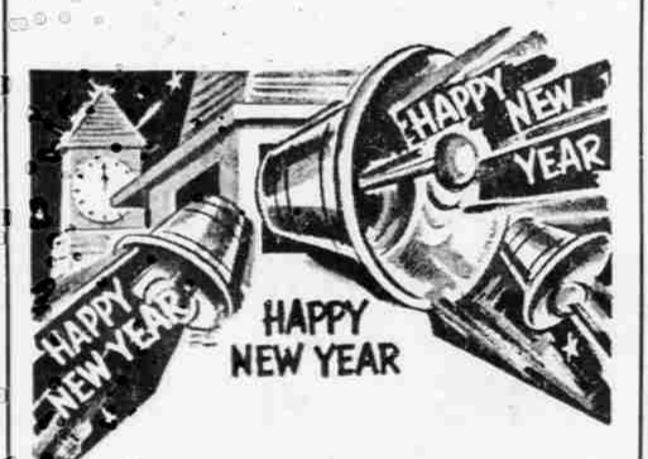
4-H Club News

Talent 4-H Club
Election of officers, a Christmas party, passing of by-laws, signing up for projects and naming the club were featured at the first two meetings of the newly organized Talent 4-H club. Plans for the future include guests at the regular meeting on Jan. 12.

At the January meeting the county 4-H club agents, Miss Marjorie Hattan and Glenn Klein, and club members and leaders from Sis-Q 4-H club will be guests. The members of the rabbit club will present the program.

Those elected to offices during the Nov. 8 meeting include: president, Carolyn Tieg; vice president, John James; secretary, Nylia Cooper; treasurer, Janet Zediker; adult co-signer, Stanley Tieg; reporter, Lucile Lowry; and community chairman, Mrs. Ann James. The by-laws written by the leaders and junior leaders were accepted by the club. Before the meeting the members signed up for the individual project clubs.

Lucile Lowry, Reporter.



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Edward Leavy Named Lane District Judge

Salem—UP—Edward Leavy, 26-year-old deputy district attorney of Lane county has been appointed district judge for Lane county by Gov. Elmo Smith. His appointment is effective Jan. 5.

He will succeed Judge Kenneth A. Poole who resigned to practice law in Portland.

Leavy, a native of Aurora, has been deputy district attorney since 1953. He was graduated from the University of Notre Dame law school.

Married Couple Starts Penitentiary Terms

Astoria—UP—Miss Nancy Lee Crane of San Francisco and Richard Eugene Harral, Twin Falls, Ida., were married here Friday before Justice of the Peace J. W. Pietarila.

Immediately after the ceremony the couple departed for Salem where both will begin serving terms in Oregon State penitentiary for forgery convictions.

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