



SIGNS COMPACT—Klamath basin leaders look on as Gov. Robert D. Holmes prepares to sign an interstate compact for protection of future irrigation needs for the area. Gov. Goodwin Knight of California signed California's draft of the compact at the same time in Sacramento. Shown above with Gov. ernor Holmes are, left to right, Reps. Al Littrell and Robert Duncan and Sen. Phil Lowry, all of Medford, Sen. Harry Boivin and Reps. Carl Yancey and John Kerbow, and Klamath River Commission Chairman Nelson Reed, all of Klamath Falls.

Applications for Old Age, Insurance Payments Rise

A total of 725 applications for payment under the old age and survivors insurance program were received by the Medford office of the Social Security administration during the period from Jan. 1 through April 11, W. V. Nusbaum, district manager, has announced.

This compares with 405 applications received during the same period in 1956. The Medford office services Jackson and Josephine counties.

Of the application, 116 were received from women age 62 to 64 who became entitled to payments under a recent amendment to the social security law lowering the age requirement for women. Payments to insured women workers and the wives of insured workers who file prior to age 65 are reduced up to as much as 25 per cent. Payments to widows of insured workers are made at the full amount they would have received at age 65, Nusbaum said.

Self-Employed Workers

A total of 172 applications were received from self-employed farmers age 65 or over who were brought under the pro-

gram for the first time in 1953 and who became eligible for payments as of Jan. 1 this year.

In addition to the applications for retirement and survivors benefits, the Medford office forwarded 63 applications for disability payments during the same period. The applications came from disabled persons 50 years of age or over who have had at least five years work under the social security program within the 10-year period prior to the date they became disabled.

Nusbaum urged disabled persons who have worked under social security for at least five years, and whose disability is expected to continue indefinitely, to contact the Medford office prior to June 30. Applications taken after that date can be made retroactive for only a limited period with the result that some otherwise eligible persons may lose their entitlement to a "freeze" of their earnings record, if under age 50, or benefit payments if 50 or over.

Due to the vastly increased claims load, which has averaged about 79,000 per week nation-

Deadline for Filing For Payments Nears

April 30 is the final date for filing applications for incentive wool payments from sale of wool and unshorn lambs marketed before March 31, 1957.

Harry E. Martin, county office manager for the county agricultural stabilization and conservation committee, said any wool or lamb producer who has sold unshorn lambs or wool between April 1, 1956 and March 31, 1957, and has not made application should do so before April 30, 1957.

Applications may be made at the ASC office in the courthouse basement. Applicants should bring original sales slips covering the transaction with them, Martin said.

Touring Orchestra Welcomes Polish Boos

Belgrade — (U.P.) — Band leader Ray McKinley reported Friday the touring Glen Miller orchestra "got the biggest and warmest reception in Poland —once we could translate the boos."

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Woman Sentenced for Helping Escapee

Pendleton — (U.P.) — Circuit Court Judge William W. Well placed a Baker mother on probation for one year on charges of helping a mental patient to escape the from Eastern Oregon State hospital.

Mrs. Lillian Hull, 46, mother of 12 children, was convicted Friday by a circuit court jury on charges of passing a loaded automatic pistol to Albert R. Reitz, 22, on Dec. 29 last year. Reitz, a patient at the Pendleton hospital, escaped that night after he broke away from an attendant by firing several shots with the gun but without hurting anyone. He was captured two days later.

Judge Well said he had placed Mrs. Hull on probation because of the size of her family and because her husband is an invalid.

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