

### Social Security Taxes To Go Up Starting in 1960

Persons at work — employment or self — employment — covered by social security are reminded that the social security tax rate will be increased beginning with 1960, Edward Jacobson, district manager of the Medford social security office, has announced.

When employed people get their first pay envelopes or pay checks in January, they will find 3 per cent instead of 2½ per cent deducted for social security tax purposes.

When self — employed persons file their 1960 tax returns early in 1961, they must pay 4½ per cent instead of 3½ per cent social security tax. This increase will not apply to self-employment returns on 1959 earnings which must be filed on or before April 15, 1960.

The increases in social security tax rates apply to wages or self-employment income for 1960 through 1962.

The increased social security taxes which become effective Jan. 1, 1960, were enacted by Congress to assure the continuing self-supporting nature of the old-age and survivors trust fund and the disability trust fund in which the social security taxes of employees, their employers, and the self-employed are deposited.

Before amending the law to provide for the increased tax rates, Congress appointed an advisory council on social security financing to investigate the trust funds, Jacobson said.

This council was made up of representatives from business, education, government, and leading insurance companies. They recently reported "It is our judgment, based on the best available cost estimates, that the contribution (social security tax) schedule enacted into law in the 1958 session of Congress, makes adequate provision for financing the program on a sound actuarial basis."

### Three Accidents Reported to Police

Three traffic accidents were reported to city police Friday, none of them resulting in any injuries.

A trailer partially broke away from the car that was pulling it and struck a car driven by Fred Lee Keene, 528 Fairmont st., which in turn struck a parked car owned by James Marion Morris, Rogue River. Driver of the car pulling the runaway trailer was Paul Max Dalton, 4069 South Pacific highway, police said.

The accident occurred Friday evening on South Riverside ave., between Central ave. and Barnett rd.

City police reported a vehicle operated by Elbert Ray Young, 409 North Central ave., collided with a bicycle operated by Michael James Dunphy, 450 Clover lane, Friday afternoon on private property at 439 North Central ave. No citations were issued.

A car operated by William Meredith Luce, 3766 South Pacific highway, hit a parked car owned by Carl David Campfield, 1832 North Riverside ave., Friday afternoon, according to city police.

### Coast Guard Seeks Experienced Men

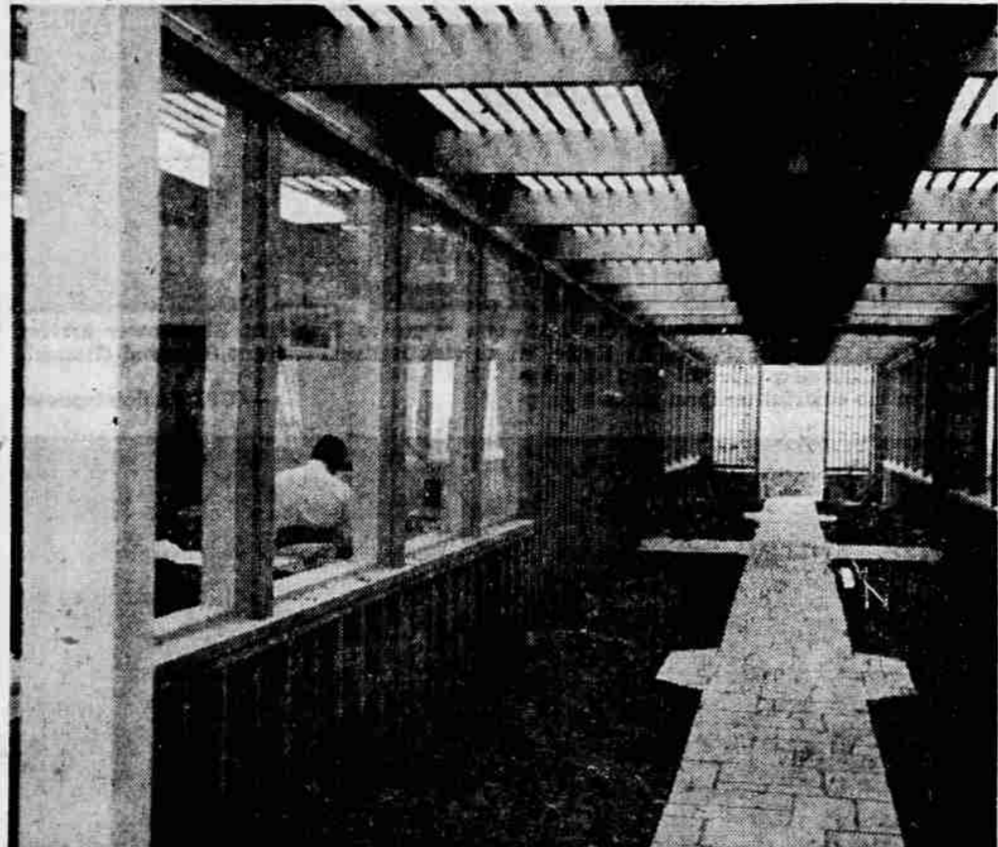
The U.S. Coast Guard needs additional experienced personnel to meet its future needs, according to the recruiting station in Eugene.

The Coast Guard is interested in men who have previously served in some branch of the armed forces and have completed some type of technical training.

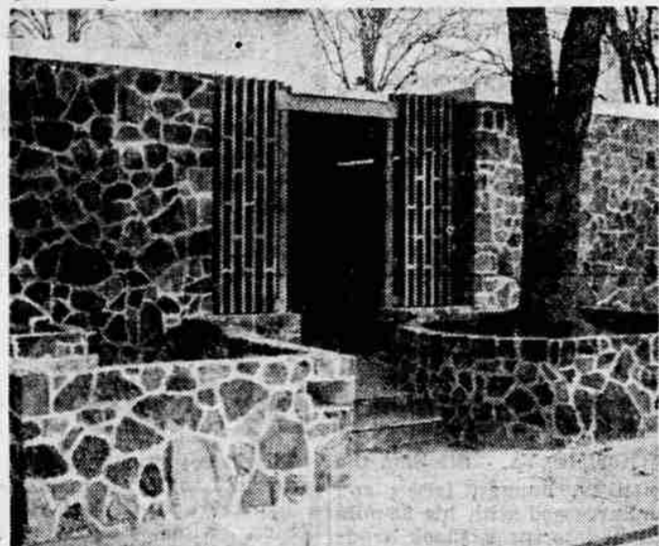
Further information can be obtained by contacting the U.S. Coast Guard sub-recruiting station, Room 13, post office, Eugene.



**PROGRESS AWARD** — Clarence Young, second from left, is shown above presenting an "Award of Progress" to E. B. DeVoe of the Lumbermen's Realty company on behalf of the Jackson county chamber of commerce at the firm's open house Saturday. Others pictured are, left to right, back row, Gerald Latham, first vice president of the chamber of commerce; Robert Schott and Jim Fairchild, members of the firm. Front row, Firm Member Eugene DeVoe and Ron Gandee, who is on the Progress Awards committee for the chamber.



**BREEZEWAY**—Unique feature of recently-completed Lumbermen's Realty building on West Main st. is "open air" walkway that divides the building from east to west, providing access to the building from the ends as well as from the front. Large window areas along breezeway provide indirect light to offices. Some of the offices have been finished in natural pine paneling that has been treated with different stains.



**NEW BUILDING**—Rock facing on the exterior of the new Lumbermen's Realty company building on West Main st., Medford, accords rustic look, which is combined with modern design. The building houses the offices of DeVoe Lumber Sales, Inc., Forestglen Lumber company, Wickes Lumber company, Union Pacific railroad and Chicago and North-western railroad. One office suite is still unoccupied. Stone planters will contain shrubbery when landscaping is complete.

### 4-Foot-Long Cougar Seen at Gold Hill

Gold Hill — A 4-foot long cougar was seen within the city limits of Gold Hill last week by a couple who watched the animal along Rogue river for about 30 minutes.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Martin, who have lived here for many years, saw the animal from a large picture window while having lunch. They live across the river from Gold Hill on Upper River rd. about mid-way between the railroad bridge and the hydroelectric plant.

The Martins said that for several weeks they have watched deer along the river bank, but had not seen deer since Nov. 28. Early this week, they saw the cougar.

### Three Foremen Retire From Hilts Company Branch

Hilts—Three foremen, representing a total of 88 years of service with Fruit Growers Supply company, Hilts, were honored at a banquet Friday at the Tally-Ho Dining Room in Talent.

Honored were Louis Alphonse, with 41 years service; Arthur B. Hall, with 31 years service; and Ernest Schuler, who has been with the company 16 years. Attending the banquet were more than 70 executives, supervisors and clerical personnel and their wives.

Best wishes for the future were extended on behalf of the company by Mel Barron, resident manager of the corporation, and Roy Utke, director of industrial relations from the company's head office in Los Angeles.

**Electric Shop** — Alphonse, foreman of the electric shop and power house, started work for the firm in 1916 and has been with the company constantly with the exception of one year. He plans to retire at his ranch five miles south of Hilts where he has a herd of purebred Herefords.

Hall was first employed by the company in Susanville from 1922 to 1926, and worked for the T and G railroad in Goldfield, Nev., until 1928, when he rejoined the Fruit Growers Supply company. He was transferred to the local mill in 1938 to become machine shop foreman. He plans to move to Lake county where he recently purchased a ranch.

Schuler was employed by the company as a sawfiler in 1943, and became logging foreman of the company's operation in Scott Valley in 1945. His home is in Grenada, Calif., and plans to continue living there following retirement.



**RETIRE**—Three foremen of the Fruit Growers Supply company, Hilts, Calif., were honored at a banquet at the Tally-Ho in Talent Friday night on their retirement from the firm. Shown above, left to right, are Ernest Schuler, Arthur B. Hall, Mel Barron, and Louis Alphonse. Barron is resident manager of the company at Hilts. The three men retiring represent 88 years of service to the company.

### Ike To Find Most Difficult Job Of Tour When He Reaches Paris

By K. C. THALER

Paris — (UPI) — President Eisenhower will run into the most difficult job of his 11-nation tour when he reaches Paris, Western diplomats predicted today.

The dramatic aspects of his trip have tended to overshadow the serious policy differences in the non-Communist, Allied camp, and it is these with which he will have to struggle in Paris in late December.

Eisenhower will, of course, be confronted with many potentially explosive problems in some of the most hotly-

controversial areas of the world in his journey from India to Morocco.

**Greatest Challenge** — But in Paris, at the scheduled meetings with the NATO leaders and at the Western Big Four Summit talks, he is expected to face his greatest challenge. This involves welding the Allies into a solid front of agreement for the later crucial summit meeting with the Soviet Union and their assessment of Soviet designs.

European diplomacy, full of hopes for Eisenhower's trip, prays it may do something to loosen the dangerous Afro-Asian groupings against the West.

There are grave problems which must merit his consideration.

Nevertheless, diplomats feel Paris will be his most important stop, for it will be here that limited time and Allied differences call for firm and fast decisions on the future of the North Atlantic Alliance.

The Western Allies, with an East-West summit in the offing next spring, differ in their policy toward the Soviet Union and their assessment of Soviet designs.

Out of all this, Eisenhower's tasks will include attempts to have the Western Allies reach a common policy on Berlin, disarmament and nuclear weapons tests bans.

In addition, allied differences are tending to undermine the NATO defense front.

All of these are among the differences which await reconciliation and possible solution during the President's Paris stopover.

### ILLINOIS VALLEY Vacations to Start

By MARGARET M. CROWL

Cave Junction — Christmas vacation for Illinois Valley students will start the afternoon of Dec. 18 and last through Jan. 3. This is the longest Christmas vacation the schools have had.

Sunday at 5 p.m. the Methodist Youth Fellowship will meet in the Ed DeMerssemen home and at 7:30 the regular monthly board meeting will be held in the church.

Mrs. Edna Thrush, Mrs. Don Orton and Mrs. Harold Crowl recently went to Grants Pass to the regular meeting of the Toastmistress club. Mrs. Crowl and Mrs. Thrush were accepted as members. The next meeting will be at 8 p.m. Dec. 15, at the home of Ruth Rausch on Highway 99 south of Grants Pass. This is the Christmas meeting and there will be a gift exchange. Each member is asked to bring a guest.

The Episcopal Guild at the parish hall met Dec. 2. Mrs. Basham and Mrs. Wayne Petsch were hostesses.

Report on the bazaar held in November showed over \$200 cleared after all bills were paid.

Money was voted from the treasury to be sent to two Indian missions in Arizona.

The new folding doors for the church have arrived and Mrs. Basham was appointed to get a cost estimate for having them installed.

The next meeting will be Jan. 6 with Mrs. Harry Smith and Mrs. Margaret Monroe hostesses.

The Ladies Missionary society of the Community church held its regular meeting in the fellowship room of the church with 14 members present. The day's work was mending for the James Boys Home.

Following potluck lunch at noon the regular business meeting was held. Plans for the Christmas party at the next meeting Dec. 16, were made. Members will give gifts of money to Christmas tree.

After prayer and devotions, the rest of the afternoon was spent sewing.

**DIPLOMATS FALLS** — The Hague — (UPI) — Dr. Joseph M. A. H. Luns, foreign minister of The Netherlands, fell down the stairs in his home Friday night and suffered a brain concussion. The foreign minister will have to remain in bed for some time, a Foreign Ministry spokesman reported.

**CAPITOL HILL GAG** — Washington — (UPI) — Jokesters on Capitol Hill have come up with a new name for the practice of putting relatives on congressional payrolls. They call it — payroll.

### Awards Banquet Set for Jan. 29

The annual awards banquet of the Medford Safety Council will be held Friday, Jan. 29, according to Capt. Clyde Fichtner, chairman of the banquet planning committee.

The banquet was originally scheduled the preceding week, but was changed recently to allow more time for compiling data on the award recommendations for 1959 and to coincide with the schedule of the speaker, Roseburg Police Chief Vernon M. Murdoch Jr., who will discuss the community effort following the Aug. 7 disaster.

Berry Bigham, chairman of the awards committee, has requested community cooperation in making recommendations for safety awards to be presented at the banquet. Bigham asked that names, firms, individuals or organizations who have made outstanding contributions in the field of safety in 1959 be submitted to the committee prior to the December membership meeting, Dec. 11.

Recommendations for awards should include name, address and pertinent data concerning the reason for nomination, and they should be mailed to the Medford Safety Council, post office box 614, Medford.

Council members assisting in preparations for the banquet include Ilean Grigsby, Rudy Tetreault and Greg Orr.

### Holiday Enlistment Program Offered

A Christmas Enlistment Program is being offered to all young men who are planning to enlist in the Army this month. It was announced by the U.S. Army recruiting service.

Interested persons can join the Army now and stay home during the holidays but still be on the Army payroll, the announcement said. When the holidays are over, the recruit will then report to Ft. Ord, Calif., it added.

Interested parties can contact the U.S. Army recruiting station, post office building, Medford, for more information.

### Study of County Superintendent's Role Is Planned

A study of the role of the county superintendent's office under school district reorganization will be made soon by the legislative committee of the Oregon Superintendents' association, according to Alf B. Mekvold, Jackson county superintendent and committee chairman.

Mekvold said the study was decided upon during the committee's meeting in Eugene last week.

Specifically, the committee will study the problem of the intermediate unit between the state department of education and the school districts under the reorganization plan.

The committee has written letters asking assistance in the study from representatives of the Oregon District Superintendents' association, Oregon School Board association, state department of education, Oregon Educational association, state board of education, Oregon Parent Teachers association and elementary principals and secondary principals association.

"We also hope to have Dr. Charles O. Fitzwater, specialist in county and rural school administration of the U.S. office of education, to come to Oregon and tell of the developments in other states regarding the intermediate unit," Mekvold said.

In May, the Jackson county school administrators met and went on record stating, "There is a definite place and need for an intermediate unit in a state public school program."

It is estimated that eight per cent of the nation's 1,200,000 hunters are color blind.

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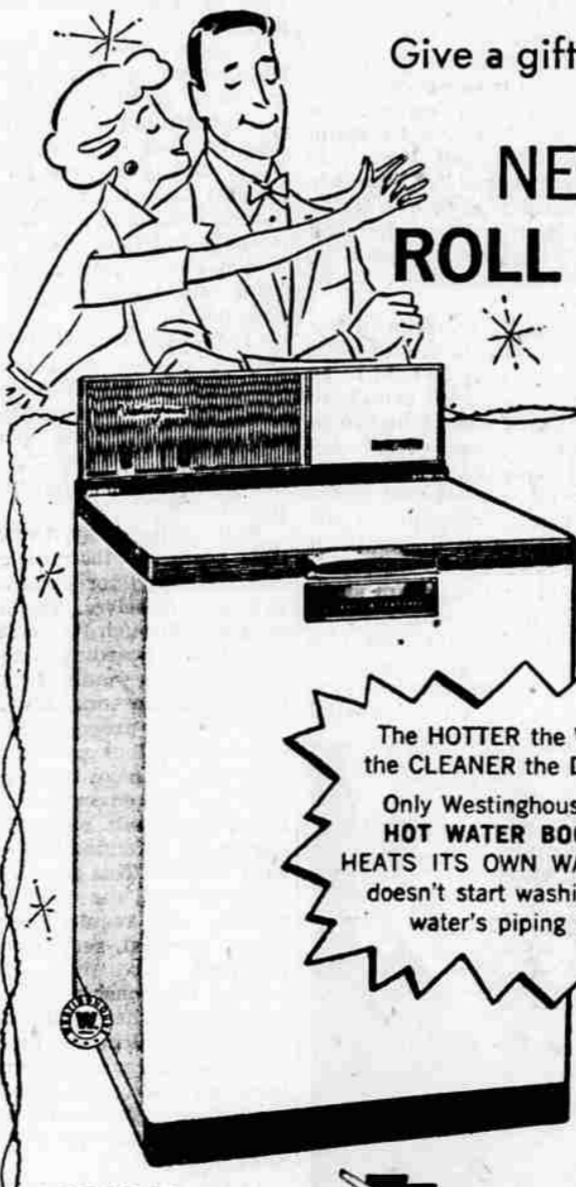
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