

Social Security Reports More Income Than Outgo

Income to the two trust funds out of which social security benefits are paid exceeded outgo by \$648 million during the year ending Dec. 31, 1960, according to Edward B. Jacobson, district manager of the Medford social security office.

"The 21st annual report of the trustees of the two funds also gives fiscal and calendar year estimates for the following five years, 15 years, and for the long-range future up until the year 2025," he said.

These figures, based on provisions of the present social security law, show that in-

come of the two funds during the 1960's and on into the long range future will be sufficient to cover all outlays for benefits.

Income to the old-age and survivors insurance trust fund during calendar 1960 exceeded outgo by \$184 million. Total disbursements for the year amounted to just under \$11.2 billion. Total income for the year was close to \$11.4 billion. At the end of the year, the fund stood at \$20,324,000,000, Jacobson said.

Total income to the disability insurance trust fund during 1960 exceeded outgo by

\$464 million. Disbursements totaled \$804 million, and income totaled \$1,068 million. At the end of the year, assets of this fund totaled \$2,289,000,000.

"The estimates for the five years following 1960," Jacobson said, "show that under present law, total income to the old-age and survivors insurance trust fund over the five-year period will amount to \$70.8 billion." Total outgo during that period will come to \$67.0 billion, with a total excess of income over outgo amounting to \$3.8 billion.

At the end of December, 1960, the assets of the old-age and survivors insurance trust fund are expected to amount to \$24.2 billion.

During the same five years, the assets of the disability insurance trust fund are expected to grow from the present \$2.3 billion to \$2.7 billion. Total income over the five years is estimated at \$5.9 billion and total disbursements at \$5.5 billion.

"By the end of December, 1970," Jacobson said, "the trustees estimate that the old-age and survivors insurance trust fund will have grown to \$46.6 billion. On the same date, disability insurance trust fund assets are estimated at \$4.1 billion."

Pickin' Pears

News and Notes From Camp White

By WALTER TOWNSEND

"Jobs for the handicapped," were the words of George Reid, regional public information officer, Eleventh Civil Service region, which takes in Oregon, Washington, Alaska, Idaho, and Montana, when he visited the domiciliary recently.

A huge man, with big fists that lay on his scattered papers at the conference table, his speech carried weight and authority when he expressed his purpose and aims to the groups present.

He was welcomed by Manager Henry C. Herzog, who introduced him to the committees on the handicapped, and stated that the Veterans Administration as an agency is much interested in the program.

To Aid Handicapped

The distinguished visitor, representing an enormous territory, said he came to Jackson county and Medford to lend his voice to the aid of the handicapped. His address was to members of the local committee, visitors, and members of the Governor's committee.

Reid, who also represents the President's committee on the employment of the handicapped which is in its 13th year, with 50 full fledged state committees, said he hoped by his visitation to bring the co-ordinators and President's committee together in an effort to create a favorable attitude toward the handicapped.

"All that the handicapped wants is an honest chance," he said.

Among Those Present

Among the visitors and committeemen present were Marion R. Anderson, Crater Lake National park; Victor Newman, state employment office; Sidney W. Ross, bureau of reclamation; Leonard Nei-

son, post office; Arthur E. Carlson, First National bank; John Duffy, Conger-Morris Funeral home; Dr. A. W. Foley, psychologist, domiciliary; John Mannely, bureau of land management; and John W. Sindors, personnel officer of the domiciliary.

The President's committee on employment of the physically handicapped presented

four awards. One was to John W. Sindors, and another to John Duffy, for exceptional service, in recognition for their outstanding contributions in advancing the cause of handicapped persons.

Two absentee committeemen were cited, one going to Eric A. Allen, 892 Park ave., Eugene; and the other to Eric W. Allen Jr., managing editor of the Medford Mail Tribune.

The four citations were signed by Victor E. Newman, chairman; and Marion R. Anderson, secretary.

In his concluding remarks

to the Jackson county committee, Reid reminded them that so far as the employer is concerned, it is ability that counts and not disability. He said that retirement of the handicapped at 40 per cent of their wages is not enough to raise a family. He urged that if some one goes out on disability retirement to see if the employer will not look around and try and find another job instead of allowing inaction for the handicapped.

He warned that corpora-

tions often will not hire anyone past 32 years of age in the Northwest, and stated that the older worker is just as much handicapped as the younger disabled man.

"The older worker is going to have a terrific time in the next 10 years," he declared.

Enter Labor Market

The chief cause being the impact explosion of younger men of World War II entering the labor market. "After 1970," Reid said, "the older worker will find employment much easier for him."

"Within the next three

years," he added, "every agency of the federal government will have to maintain an inventory of the handicapped." Many disabled persons were cited as examples of outstanding accomplishments in recent years.

He impressed on the co-ordinators that employment of men in borderline cases, will be encouraged by the government. Arduous physical examinations will not always be required.

"Which shows, we have come a long way," he concluded.

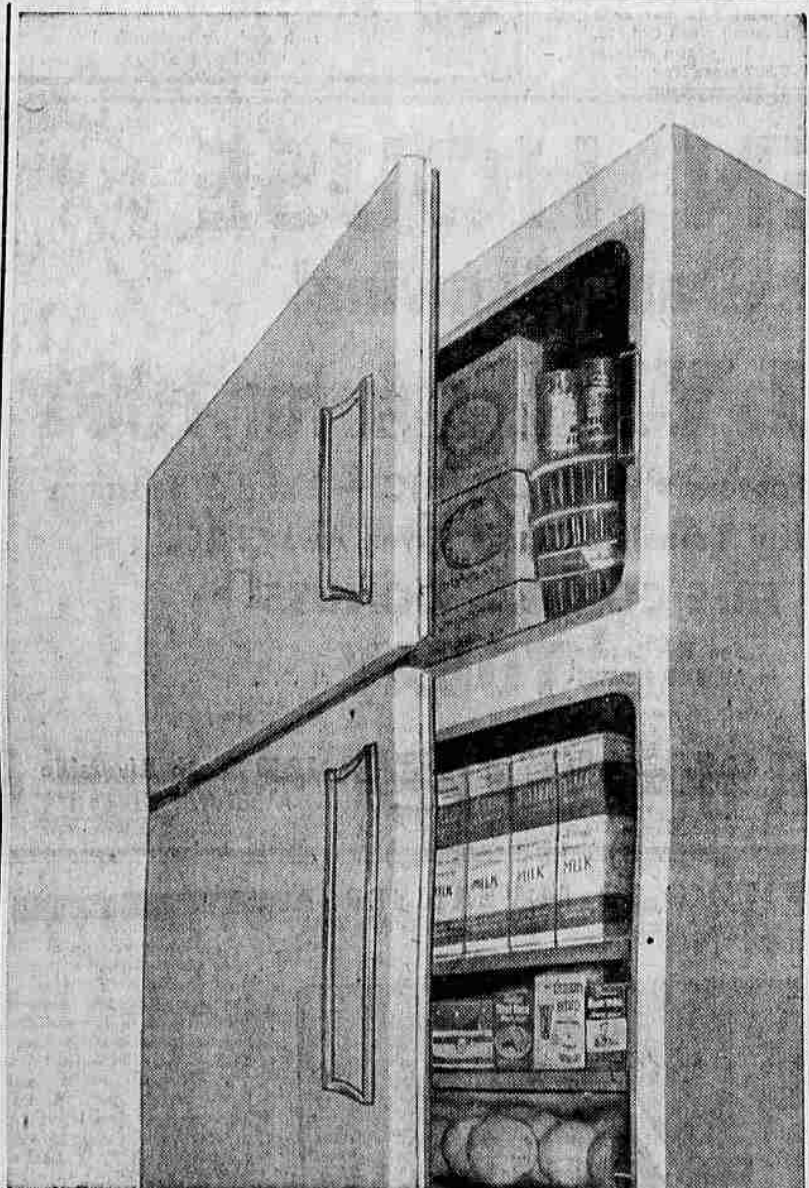
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Small Worlds Around Us

By Lynn W. Watkins

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Did You Know Your Life Depends on Earthworms? That humble underworld character, the earthworm, has been underfoot so long we hardly credit it with the least bit of importance.

On this simple animal which spends its life groveling through moist earth, depends a great deal on what we as humans have to eat, or even how long we can continue to inhabit this green earth. The earthworm is an important link in the chain of events that makes crops possible, and assists in the storage of water underground.

In man's cultivation of the earth for the raising of food crops, he only scratches the upper surface. Below this tilled surface, underneath the earth a mere matter of half a foot or so, work the earthworms, tunneling and digging, they constantly stir up the subsoil down to as much as 20 feet underground, bringing up to the surface escaped humus and vegetable matter that, without him, would be forever lost.

The tunnels made by this underworld character also act as pipes and tubes that enable water to run into subterranean reservoirs. The tunnels make porous a strata of soil that, without his efforts, would become hard, crusty and unproductive. In heavy clay soils, the earthworm's efforts alone make water penetration possible.

The amount of subsoil returned to the surface is phenomenal, as much as several tons per acre of land. The shortage of sweet water from springs and wells in many sections of our earth may be directly attributable to a shortage of earthworms in an area, normally supplied with them.

The earthworm itself is peculiarly adapted by nature. Body muscles run in a way that makes it possible to lengthen or shorten the body. The body's outside is coated with a slime that makes possible the passage of the worm through the earth. The underside of the flexible body is equipped with stiff hairs that are retractable into tiny pits. In crawling, these hairs grip the soil and hold the body in position while the forepart moves forward. The earthworm has no eyes or ears, but is sensitive to vibrations. He has no heart; the muscles of the body wall circulate the body fluids. Actually he breathes air, and does it through the skin, which must always remain moist.

The sexes are separate; the female lays the eggs in moist earth. Egg laying and foraging are both accomplished at night. The soil in which he lives remains soft and fertile because he and his fellows are present. So if you sometimes feel very important, or know people that do, you might remember, the earthworm is pretty essential too - more so than you may have thought.

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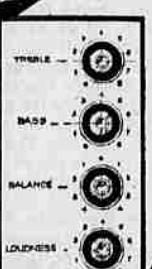
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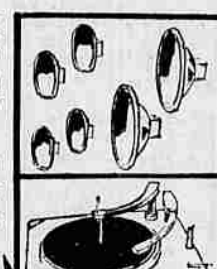
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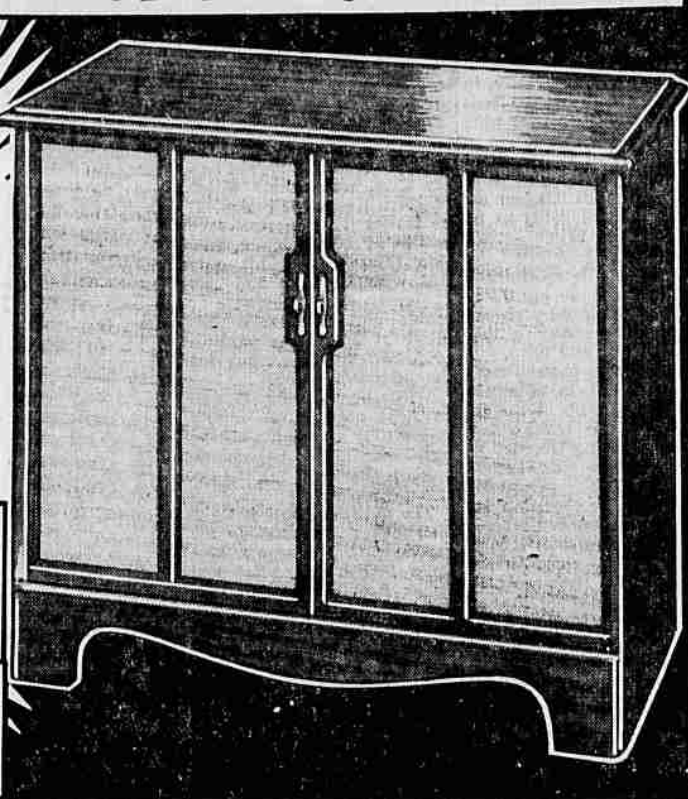
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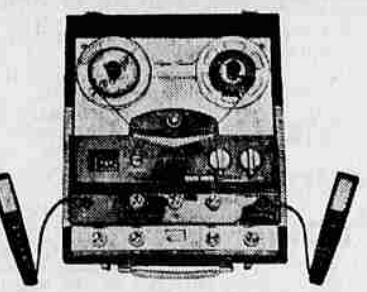
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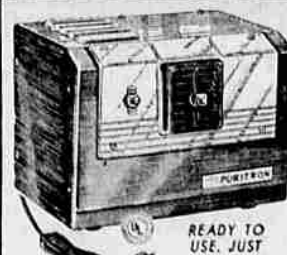
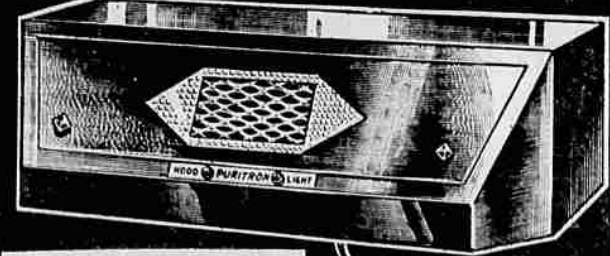
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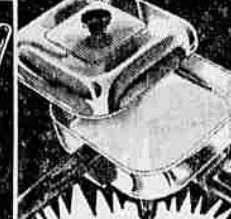
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