

Social Security Must Be Told of Estimate Change

People receiving social security benefits who gave estimates of 1963 earnings should notify Social Security if the estimates have now changed, according to Edward B. Jacobson, district manager in Medford.

All beneficiaries who filed applications this year, and those who filed reports of 1962 earnings, have made the estimates.

Jacobson said the estimates are important because they are used to determine the number of benefit checks payable for the year. Beneficiaries who now expect to earn more than they originally estimated may receive more checks than they are entitled to draw this year. They would later have to make refund of the overpayment.

Those who expect to earn less than they originally estimated may not be paid as many checks as they are entitled to receive during the year, unless they file a revised estimate, Jacobson said.

Not all estimates need to be changed. The person who estimated that he would earn less than \$1,200 in 1963, who still estimates earnings under \$1,200, need not notify Social Security of any change in estimate. As long as the earnings are \$1,200 or less, all checks will be payable for the year. Jacobson invited beneficiaries who wish more information on the effect their earnings have on their benefits to get in touch with the Social Security office at 1017 North Riverside ave., Medford, for assistance.



WOMAN IN BLACK—A mysterious "woman in black" placed a wreath Friday at the Hollywood crypt of silent screen idol Rudolph Valentino, commemorating the 37th anniversary of his death. The woman, dressed in black, was escorted by a white haired gentleman. Neither would give their name and nobody knew who they were. (UPI)

Mystery Woman in Black Lays Wreath on Valentino's Crypt

Hollywood — (UPI) — A mysterious "lady in black," leaning on crutches, placed a wreath on the crypt of silent screen idol Rudolph Valentino Friday in observance of the 37th anniversary of the great screen lover's death.

Building Permit Value Increases

The value of building permits issued in Medford in July increased \$234,621 over a year ago, according to the University of Oregon's bureau of business research.

This July's total was \$857,025, compared to last year's \$622,404. The Medford increase is in contrast to the 12 per cent drop in building permits from 149 identical reporting centers in the state which showed a total value of \$26,993,792 for July.

The Medford dwelling unit permits in July covered 20 new dwelling units at \$212,400 total value in June and 49 new units and \$359,090 value in July, 1962.

Medford's new residential permits for July totaled \$469,275. Permits covering additions, alterations and repairs in July had a total value of \$155,250.

The state total in July, 1963, included \$15,005,569 for 1,220 new dwelling units, \$8,510,154 for non-residential construction, and \$3,393,059 for additions, alterations and repairs.

Court Records

MEADOW MUNICIPAL
John Vernon Heberling, disobeyed traffic signal, \$10.
Donald Lawrence Herzog, following too close, \$20.
Vera Irene Goodroad, violation of basic rule, \$10.
Mildred Irene Stewart, violation of basic rule, \$10.
Kenneth Lyle Tucker, violation of basic rule, \$10.
Norman Everal Hatcher, failure to leave minimum space, \$10.
Richard Raymond Werner, 90-day suspension of license recommended.
Albert Marino, violation of basic rule, \$20.
Beverly May Hartford, failure to obtain Oregon operator's license, \$30.
Virginia Ann Baer, violation of basic rule, \$10.
Darlene Avonne Sylvester, disobeyed traffic signal, \$10.
Gary Lee Parker, violation of basic rule, \$10.
Kenneth Earl Miller, no operator's license in possession, \$5.
Monty Carl Smith, violation of basic rule, \$5.
George Eddie McDonald, violation of basic rule, \$10.
Sam Edward Smith, disobeyed traffic signal, \$10.
Betty Louise Ramsey, violation of basic rule, \$10.
Agnes Hopkins Flanagan, disobeyed traffic signal, \$10.
William Glen Werner, violation of basic rule, \$15.
DISTRICT COURT
Lonzio Cecil McElhannon, no safety chains, \$10.
Charles Bryant Barnes, failure to comply with operator's restrictions, \$5.
John Dewayne Manning, expired vehicle license, \$5.
Edward Rupp, failure to yield right of way, \$15.
Robert Lowell Hickom, no operator's license, \$15.
Walter Vernon Hubbard, hauling during prohibited hours, \$25.
Gary Eugene Neel, failure to stop, \$15.
Norman Carlton Cannon, failure to stop, \$5.
Jimmie Sue Young, failure to yield right of way, \$10.
Richard Raymond Hennesen, no operator's license, \$5.
Bobby O. Newburg, overlength load, \$5.
Donald Dean Kemp, overlength, \$5.
Donald Riley McCanna, overlength, \$5.
CIRCUIT COURT
Lulu Ruth Carstensen vs. Richard O. Carstensen, divorce decree.

FESTIVAL PLAYS

Tonight: "Merry Wives of Windsor."
Monday: "Romeo and Juliet."
Tuesday: "Loves Labour's Lost."
Wednesday: "Henry V."
Curtain time is 8:45 p.m.
Bus leaves Medford hotel and Jackson House in Medford at 7:30 p.m.

Locals

Dinner Meeting — The Business Management Association will hold a dinner meeting at 6:30 p.m. Monday, Aug. 26, at the Medford hotel. A film, "Manner of Speaking," by Pacific Northwest Bell Telephone company will be shown. Reservations may be made by calling Mrs. Norma Burroughs at 773-8478.

To Canada — Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Blanchard, Hornbrook, Calif., returned home recently after being in Ft. Francis, Ontario province, Canada, to attend funeral services for Mrs. Blanchard's father, Victor Johnson. Their son, James, visited his sister, Mrs. Phil Hemsted, Redding, Calif., while the Blanchards were gone. His nephew, Gary Hemsted, accompanied James home for a visit at the Blanchard home. Mr. and Mrs. Blanchard also reported that their fifth grandchild, Wendy Joy, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Ray Blanchard in Sacramento, Calif., July 31.

Meeting Set — The Jackson Teamsters will hold a regular meeting Monday, Aug. 26, at Sambo's restaurant in Medford. Toastmaster for the meeting will be N. Giles who will introduce topicmaster, Hans Hess.

Patient Flown — Olin Riley Green, 55, Montgomery Creek, Calif., was flown from Medford to Shasta County hospital Friday by Mercy Flights, Inc. Green, who has been hospitalized at Rogue Valley hospital, was critically injured in an automobile June 23 near Redding. He is still unconscious, according to reports. Green was the 1,613th patient to be flown by the non-profit air ambulance service since it was started.

Chicago Gangster Found Murdered

Chicago — (UPI) — The mangled body of a suburban Chicago man whom police described as a "small potatoes gangster trying to go big" was found Saturday in the back seat of a car parked in a South Side alley.

Meeting Scheduled

The Talent-Phoenix Businessmen's association will meet at 8 p.m. Monday in the Phoenix Community hall to hear a discussion on the potential development of the area. The association urged all businessmen between Medford and Ashland to attend the meeting.

Grass Fire

A fire that started in a rubbish heap and extended into grass was reported to Medford firemen about 3:25 p.m. Thursday. Firemen said boys playing with matches caused the fire at the corner of Jackson and Girard dr. A fence also was damaged.

Hit and Run Charged

Douglas John Sacchi, 240 North Holly st., Medford, was cited by Medford police early Saturday morning for failure to leave information at scene of accident. He is accused of hitting a car driven by Joseph Howard Campbell, B. and, Ore., Friday night at Fourth st. and Riverside ave.

Cars Collide

Cars driven by Charles William Riecke Sr., 511 Hamilton st., and Bobby Joe Hackworth, route 4, box 414-D2, collided at the intersection of West Main and Columbus sts. Friday night. Hackworth was cited by Medford police for disregarding stop sign.

Oil Fire

A small oil fire, resulting from a flooded furnace was reported to Medford Fire department at 3:10 p.m. Saturday at the home of Margaret Lewis of 612 Catherine st. The fire department reported minor damage to the furnace system.



COMPANY OFFICIALS — Among the many persons in the Rogue Valley to attend the Oregon Shakespearean Festival productions in Ashland last week were several Pacific Power and Light company officials from Portland. Paul B. McKee, right, chairman of the board of directors, is shown in the Medford office of Glenn Jackson, seated, vice chairman of the board. With them are Frank Bash, left, vice president and Copco division manager; and Paul Murphy, Portland, member of the board of directors. The Portland men and their wives spent several days in the valley touring various points of interest in addition to attending the plays.



Small Worlds Around Us

By LYNN M. WATKINS

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As Cool As A Refrigerator

He must have investigated the match at night, that imaginative individual who first said, "As cool as a cucumber," for later observations just don't bear out his findings. Yet, there would seem to have been some reason for such a statement. Somebody, somewhere, some time, either goofed or was just plain reckless with the truth.

Since then, there probably have been many folks that have made observations in the field or the garden and discovered the error. They have found there is little real truth to the saying unless reservations are made which would tend to cancel out the whole business.

Take a field, or a garden where cucumbers are growing, plump and green under the summer sun. These vegetables must have summer sun or at least a fair degree of warmth, not a single one will be "as cool as;" in fact, they will be pretty warm, even those hiding under the partial shade of the leaves. Those in the direct sunlight will be actually hot.

So someone with a flair for realism will say, "Sure they are cool, take one out of the refrigerator and feel how nice and cool it is." This certainly was not the incentive that prompted the saying. A milk bottle under similar circumstances would be just as cool and we have never heard anyone say, "As cool as a milk bottle." So we must assume the guy that coined the expression must have picked the cucumber right off the vine. And he was wrong.

Still Exists
Yet the saying exists, even among folks who never saw a cucumber except in a grocery store or cut up in a salad. To find out how very familiar the expression really is, walk up to anyone above the age of 10 years and say, "As cool as" and they will immediately fill in the last of the sentence—"a cucumber."

This popular fruit (and it is classed as a fruit as well as a vegetable) is a rather interesting member of the garden family with some peculiar characteristics. It even has been the basis of some silly superstitions and cockeyed beliefs.

There were some misinformed folks, a few decades ago, who believed the cucumber should be allowed to soak overnight in salt water to remove the poison they had heard was present in the fruit. Equally silly was the other school that maintained all the green of the rind must be removed before the 'cuke' was eaten; they thought the green held some sort of poison.

Just how or why these ridiculous beliefs were generated has never been explained. It is however somewhat surprising that there are still a few people that still believe. Some are true.

There are, however, some peculiar cucumber habits and characteristics that are true, yet rather strange. For one, if cucumbers are left on the vine until they become yellow, which indicates ripeness, the vine will stop producing cucumbers. Yet, if the 'cukes' are picked regularly before

any of them turn yellow, a healthy vine will keep right on producing, until about 100 are formed. Cucumbers are only edible when they are green and immature. Bees pollinate the blossoms of the cucumber plants. Without the aid of the insects, a condition that exists in greenhouses, hand pollination is resorted to. The cucumber came from southern Asia in the first place, but since has been crossbred and improved by plant scientists. Another peculiar thing about a cucumber is the odor which is individual and hard to describe. Anyway, we will have to ride along with the old expression as it is much too late to be truthful about it by saying, "It's NOT as cool as a cucumber isn't."

Bing's Son Has Marriage Problem

Hollywood — (UPI) — Dennis Crosby became the third of Bing Crosby's adult sons to encounter matrimonial difficulty, when it was disclosed Saturday his former showgirl wife has hired an attorney to file for divorce.

Mrs. Pat Sheehan Crosby, 31, consulted attorney Arthur Groman, who confirmed his client intended to seek a divorce to end her five-year marriage with Dennis.

The Dennis Crosbys have been living apart for about a week, according to friends.

"We still hope to work things out," Mrs. Crosby was quoted Saturday as saying, adding that she was "sorry this had to happen. Dennis is a sweet person."

Dennis' twin — Philip — was sued for divorce June 14 at Santa Monica. Another brother, Lindsay, was divorced last year.

The oldest of Bing's four grown sons by the late Dixie Crosby, Gary, remains wed to his first wife.

Silent Film Actor Dies in California

Woodland Hills, Calif. — (UPI) — James Kirkwood, star of silent motion pictures and former husband of the late Lila Lee, died Saturday night. He was 87.

Death came to the actor at the Motion Picture Country house and hospital here, where attendants said Kirkwood had been a patient since April.

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