

Federal Old Age Insurance Program Grows In County

Growth of the federal old-age and survivors insurance program in the last year in Klamath county was reported today by Harris Dusenbery, acting manager of the Klamath Falls, Oregon office of the social security administration, federal security agency.

Mr. Dusenbery notes that approximately 8,200,000 wage and salary earners in the United States will have attained lifetime insurance protection for themselves and their families under the program by the end of 1946, including a number in the Klamath area. Mr. Dusenbery said he had no way of knowing the total of permanently insured workers in this area.

More than half of the permanently insured persons will have gained that status in 1946 through the completion of 10 years of work in commerce and industry. The year 1946 was the first year in which it was possible for them to attain fully insured status—permanently—under the 10-year coverage provision, since the old-age and survivors insurance program completes its tenth year of operation December 31.

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bery explained. All of the members of this group will reach before 1957.

The other persons who will be permanently insured include about 1,400,000 men and 200,000 women who have gained fully insured status and are now aged 65 or older. About half of them are now drawing monthly benefits.

Workers who are permanently insured will have at least minimum insurance protection for life, regardless of their future work history. Workers who are fully insured, but not permanently insured, can maintain their status by continued work in jobs covered by the Social Security Act. When their records show 10 years of such employment, they will be permanently insured. The covered employment does not have to be continued employment.

As long as a worker continues in jobs covered by the act, no matter what his age, he continues to contribute a percentage of his wages to the fund from which benefits are paid. His employer makes a matching contribution. As long as a worker continues in covered jobs, he may continue to build

Alaska Children To Have Christmas Party After All

SEATTLE, Dec. 18 (AP)—The dreary prospect of stockings hanging flat and empty before Alaskan fireplaces Christmas morning was erased today when Seattle civic organizations announced plans to fly four tons of gifts to children of the territory long isolated by the maritime strike.

"Children in some of the isolated towns have never seen an apple or a candy bar," said L. J. Dowell in announcing the project. For that reason, he said, plans to collect toys were discarded and the gifts will consist of fruit, candy and nuts.

Santa's jaunt north will be made in four planes, each carrying a ton, Dowell reported. Pan American World Airways, of which he is public relations counselor, will pinch hit for Santa to get the gifts to Ketchikan, Juneau, Whitehorse, Fairbanks and Nome. Pacific Northern Airlines will transfer the Anchorage allotment from Juneau.

The Shrine here and in Alaska is handling the distribution of presents, donated by Seattle civic organizations and packaged by volunteers from the Daughters of the Nile and Order of Eastern Star.

"Thousands of Alaska children would have a dismal Christmas this year if Seattle had not volunteered to play Santa," Dowell said. In the remote areas of the territory, where the gifts will be late due to transportation difficulties, Shriners are ar-

Housing Move Gains Weight

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18 (AP)—Top housing officials, declining to take notice of the storm of controversy President Truman's revamped home building program had aroused, went into a

ranging for delivery of the packages by charter plane and dog team.

huddle Tuesday to work out specific details.

Housing Expediter Frank R. Creedon and National Housing Administrator Raymond M. Foley of the national housing agency met in silence con-

tentions by a retiring deputy and a CIO official that the new program would curtail the number of new homes for veterans.

Norton E. Long, a deputy administrator under Wilson W. Wyatt, who acted as both expediter and NHA boss, handed reporters a statement in which

he challenged the administration "to show how the new program's so-called incentives to encourage rental housing are anything but a fraud perpetrated on veterans for political expediency."

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