

### Increased Social Security Benefits Basin Residents

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The Old-Age and Survivors Insurance Program, more commonly known as social security, was designed to provide at least a minimum cash income for retired workers and their survivors. While the benefits may not be as large as you would like, the fact you can count on receiving them each month after you are 65 and qualified, gives you an opportunity to acquire a home and perhaps other investments. It is hoped that this combination will make possible a comfortable retirement.

The increase in benefit rates provided by the 1954 amendments to the Social Security Act, signed by President Eisenhower on September 1, will be of immediate interest to approximately 1350 residents of Klamath County who are presently receiving monthly retirement or survivors benefits. The amount of the increase will depend on the size of the present check. The minimum increase will be \$5.00 per month for a retired worker and \$2.50 for his wife, while the maximum raise will be \$12.50 for the worker and \$6.25 for his wife. Widows with two children under 18 who have received the maximum family benefit of \$168.90 will receive an increase of \$197.10 per month. The minimum family benefit increases to \$59.00 while a single survivor (child under 18 or widow over 65) will have a minimum of \$30.00 per month, but can receive as much as \$73.90 per month, depending of course on the average monthly wage of the deceased worker.

Following are typical examples of increases provided for present beneficiaries of a retired worker. The new rate and old rate:

Twenty-five dollars — \$30.00; \$80.00 — \$85.00; \$60.00 — \$65.10; \$70.00 — \$75.10; \$80.00 — \$85.10; \$85.00 — \$90.50.

A wife over 65 will receive her own benefit equal to one-half of her husband's new rate.

Following are examples of increases provided for a widow and two children. The old rate and new rate:

Forty-five dollars and ten cents — \$50.20; \$58.50 — \$67.60; \$80.00 — \$90.20; \$140.10 — \$157.10; \$168.90 — \$197.10.

A widow with three or more children who received the old maximum family benefit of \$168.90 per month will now receive the new maximum of \$200.00.

All increases in benefit rates will be computed automatically; if you have been receiving your social security checks you do not need to sign any papers or file a new application. The increase will be included in the check you receive during the first week of October.

Those filing their claims in the future will have their benefits computed by use of the formula contained in the new law which assures a benefit rate at least as high as that received by present beneficiaries with the same average monthly wage. Since the amount of wages or self-employment income subject to the social security tax increases from \$3600 per year to \$4200 on January 1, 1955, it will be possible for a person to qualify for the maximum benefit of \$198.50 per month on July 1, 1950, if he averages \$350.00 per month after next January 1.

### Potato Queen To Be Chosen

MERRILL — Pretty girls in all communities of the Klamath Basin will soon be vying for the crown of the potato kingdom to succeed Queen Connie Reeves, Merrill, 1953 monarch.

Candidates will be chosen from high schools and the winner will be chosen on a ticket sales basis. The Merrill elimination dance is scheduled for Saturday, September 18.

The queen's ball will be held October 9 and the harvest ball that ends festival festivities will be Saturday, October 23.

Elimination dances at Malin, Tulelake and other towns will also be held this month.

Speaker at the banquet is expected to be a man prominent in public affairs. Confirmation of his acceptance will be announced probably this week by the festival committee.

The banquet, highlight of the first day's activities, will be served family style, Friday, October 22 by the Ladies Aid of the Merrill Presbyterian Church.

Trophies for winning potato entries, parade winners and other competition have been planned. A flower and garden show is being planned this year for the first time. Committees will stress agricultural exhibits, including grains, seeds and other produce as well as potato entries.

Competition in potato entries is state wide again this year.

The annual Klamath County League football game will be played Saturday afternoon, October 23 between the Chiloquin Panthers and the Merrill Huskies.

Harold Hendrickson, principal of the high school, president of the Lions Club and general chairman, is being assisted by a full corps of sub-committee chairmen embracing all members of the Lions Club and representatives of other service organizations.



MELFORD SCHORTGEN, son of Mr. and Mrs. Vern Schortgen, 2070 Etna, was discharged from the Air Force recently and is employed in Culver City, California. The Schortgens are proud parents of a baby girl born August 18 and named Ellen Louise. Paternal grandparents of the new arrival are Mr. and Mrs. Vern Schortgen.

### New Air Force Base Opens

Today, the United States Air Force officially opens the nation's newest gateway to the Air Force at Parks Air Force Base in the heart of the San Francisco Bay region.

The need for a third basic training center was recognized long ago. Lackland Air Force Base in Texas and Sampson Air Force Base in New York, the only other Air Force indoctrination centers will have reached near capacity due to the number of men slated to undergo training as a result of Air Force expansion.

Due to the tremendous emphasis placed on air power, training the men of the nation's "first line of defense" is no minor matter. In fact, the United States Air Force is now America's largest business. Thousands of young men will be needed in the coming year to meet Air Force personnel requirements. A 400-man recruit load is planned at Parks, which formerly trained basics during part of the Korean conflict. Parks will receive new Air Force enlistees directly from recruiting stations in the eight western states of California, Oregon, Washington, Idaho, Montana, Utah, Nevada and Arizona.

Parks Air Force Base was selected to host the new training center because of its ideal geographical location within the metropolitan bay area.

### Nation's Beauties Gather For Miss America Contest

ATLANTIC CITY, N.J. (AP)—From the North, East, South and West, the pick of the nation's beauty crop gathered here today and primed as they made ready to battle it out for the "Miss America 1955" crown.

Also on hand—but barred from the contest—was a former WAG from Middletown, Conn., who caused quite a stir yesterday by picketing the pageant because she felt the officials had done her wrong.

While the 50 "legal" contestants were registering, Violet Fuchs, 24, barged in, announced that she was Miss Connecticut and even obtained the white silk badge bearing the title.

But the officials soon learned of her mistake and rushed over to Violet while she was posing for photographers.

Miss Lenora Slaughter, the pageant's executive director, demanded the badge and told the blue-eyed blonde:

"You are not Miss Connecticut."

Violet flushed.

"I am Miss Connecticut," she insisted. "I won the Miss America Pageant contest legally."

She refused to relinquish the badge, and Miss Slaughter shrugged and said she could keep it.

Violet stormed out of the pageant headquarters and said she "was so mad I couldn't cry."

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Cable was ordered from Portland at 9 p.m. Tuesday and delivered here at 8 a.m. Wednesday, pulled in and spliced by splicers who worked around the clock to complete the repair job at 5 a.m. Thursday.

### Cattlemen Plan Barbecue

MALIN — A joint meeting and barbecue sponsored by the Klamath and Modoc County Cattlemen's Association will be held in the Malin Park, Thursday, September 9.

Beef for the feed, donated by W. C. Dalton and Stanley Johnson, will be barbecued and served by members of the Malin Chamber of Commerce.

The meeting is slated to start at 11 a.m. and the barbecue will be held at noon.

Rube Eilbaugh, professor at the University of California Agriculture College at Davis will be guest speaker.

All members of both sponsoring groups of cattlemen and their families are invited to attend.

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### Klamath Tribal Members Hold Discussion Meeting

A banquet meeting of some 50 members of the Klamath Indian tribe was held at the Winema Hotel Saturday night. Purpose of the meeting was for discussion and a thorough understanding of Public Law 587, passed by Congress recently pertaining to the termination bill.

Wade Crawford, chairman of the meeting told the assembly that this is the first time in 100 years that the federal government has acknowledged the fight for freedom being made by the American Indian. He praised those gathered for their help in making amendments to the bill which is now favorable to tribal members. He also praised the work of Congressman Coon, Secretary of Interior McKay, Commissioner of Indian Affairs Emmons and Attorneys Little and Alexander, for their assistance.

In a brief resume on the law, Crawford stated experts should be selected for the big job of appraising the reservation within 60 days and believed this appraisal would be completed within one year. Appraisers to be selected will be disinterested persons not controlled by politics. He advised members that when this appraisal is completed those desiring to withdraw from the reservation should get their applications in at once. The act as passed by Congress does not set any specific date for this appraisal to begin.

No one knows how many persons will want to withdraw. Crawford asserted, if only 10 per cent so desire, there probably would be enough money on hand to pay them off. If 50 per cent wish to withdraw, then it will be necessary to sell off 50 per cent of the reservation before such a withdrawal can be completed. In his opinion at least 80 per cent will demand withdrawal during the first year.

He advised members who have heirship problems to request that the commissioner of Indian Affairs straighten these out before the expiration of the termination bill four years hence. If these problems are not decided by the Federal government before the end of the four year period, then heirships will have to be settled in the courts of Oregon at tribal members expense.

Old people and incompetents will receive their share the same as any other member, but their es-

### Sheepmen Plan Lakeview Meet

Lamb preparation for eating is the theme of a public meeting to be held at Lakeview, at 8 p.m. Sunday, September 12.

The program is sponsored by the Fremont Sheepmen's Association on the evening before the annual ram sale.

Lamb cutting, merchandising and cooking will be demonstrated in the Memorial Hall of the new courthouse.

Simple methods of cooking lamb for good results will be demonstrated by Mary Kelly, San Francisco, home economist for Phlico Company. Cutting lamb and selling all of it to advantage will be demonstrated by Miles Teneyck, proprietor of the B and T Market in Portland.

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