



NEW TEACHERS JOINING THE STAFF at Oregon Technical Institute this year are, seated from left: Milton O. Adams, diesel mechanics technology; Donald E. Hagen, X-ray technology; Fred Foulon, engineering associate, surveying and general design; Donald M. Maestretti, medical technology; Murray L. Johnston, accounting and bookkeeping. Standing, same order: Catherine L. Lake, business courses and radio speech; Maurice R. Houser, electronics technology; William

B. Swartz, diesel mechanics technology; Cecil L. Barkdoll, electronic technology; Eberhard J. Feimer, office machines technology; Leonard F. Brukart, allied subjects; W. H. Ayres, diesel mechanics technology; Adam Eckerich, machine shop; Carl A. Prough, electronics technology; Robert F. Sturges, office machine technology; Theron G. Skyles, refrigeration technology; John L. Northup, allied and electric technology. Prough and Feimer are former OTI graduates.

Requirements For Social Security Coverage Told

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One of the basic provisions of the Social Security Act which was not changed by the 1954 amendments concerns insured status, or more specifically, how you become eligible for benefits.

To refresh your memory I will review the requirements for an insured status. Your eligibility for retirement benefits at age 65 or your survivor's eligibility for benefits in the event of your death is measured in terms of "quarters of coverage." A quarter of coverage is defined as a calendar quarter during which you are paid wages of \$50.00 or more for work which is covered by the Social Security Act. However, if you work for a farmer, after January 1, 1955, you are credited with one quarter of coverage for each \$100.00 in cash wages paid you by a single farmer, with a maximum of four quarters of coverage being credited to your account in a calendar year. A person working in agricultural employment must be paid cash wages, after January 1, 1955, of at least \$100.00 by a single employer during a calendar year in order for his wages to count on his social security wage record.

Persons who are self-employed are credited with four quarters of coverage for each year, after 1950, in which they had net business income of \$400.00 or more, provided their business is in one of the categories covered by the Social Security Act. Architects, accountants, licensed engineers, funeral directors and farmers were included for the first time by the 1954 amendments. Coverage on a compulsory basis for these groups will start on January 1, 1955. Coverage for members of the clergy on a voluntary basis will also be available beginning in 1955. Those clergymen electing coverage must file a certificate with the Internal Revenue Service not later than December 31, 1956 and will report all of their compensation and pay the social security tax on the same as a self-employed person. No report or tax will be required of the church.

In order to be "fully insured" when you retire at age 65 or later, or in event of your death before becoming 65, you must earn one quarter of coverage for each two calendar quarters elapsing between 1950 and the quarter in which you become 65 or die. Forty

quarters of coverage, which is the maximum requirement of anyone, will be needed by persons born after 1905. The minimum requirement of six quarters of coverage applies to everyone who became 65 prior to July 1, 1954. Quarters of coverage earned at any time after January 1, 1937 may be counted toward a fully insured status.

A special alternating provision, designed to protect those entering the program for the first time in 1955 provides that if an individual earns a quarter of coverage in each calendar quarter after 1954 and up to the quarter in which they become 65, they will be fully insured. However, a minimum of six quarters of coverage must be earned under this provision. It applies to all persons, even though their work or self-employment was covered prior to the 1954 amendments.

The fact that you have earned sufficient quarters of coverage to be fully insured, even 40 quarters of coverage, does not mean that your benefit amount at age 65 has been fixed. Your benefit is based on your average monthly wage, covering the period up to your 65th birthday, as we will see when we discuss the computation of benefits in the next article.

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Cordon Backs McKay Record

DALLAS, Ore. (AP) — Sen. Guy Cordon told an applauding audience here Wednesday night that "this country has never had a better secretary of Interior than Douglas McKay, and I'm proud to say that."

A crowd of 200, one of the most responsive the senator has encountered in his campaign tour of the state, applauded frequently as Cordon defended himself and McKay against charges that they had

engaged in a "give-away" program of natural resources.

"In my book half-truth statements in a campaign call for the voters to doubt whether a person who would say half-truths would be altogether safe in a position of responsibility," he said.

At another point, he said, "The really tragic give-away was at Yalta and at Potsdam, where we

gave away the freedom of 800 million people."

He also told the crowd, "We found a way to stop the war in Korea."

He told this predominantly agricultural area that when Secretary of Agriculture Benson is in the state Friday, he will try to arrange a talk between Benson and Willamette Valley farmers about crop losses from the weather this year.

Oregon Democrat Accuses Cordon

PORTLAND (AP) — The Democratic national committeeman for Oregon accused Sen. Guy Cordon Wednesday of trying to make political capital out of the Portland Air Base issue.

The attempt failed when Sen. Wayne Morse said in Washington that he had conferred with the Air Force and was assured that the Air Force had no intention of moving its facilities from the Portland area, said Monroe Sweetland, the Democratic committeeman.

Sweetland said of Cordon's announcements that the Republican senator was watching the Air Base situation closely.

"Sen. Cordon has been up to his usual trick of fanning a small flame and then coming dramatically to the rescue."

The Democrat added that Morse and the Air Force have "blown away the smoke screen and left Cordon standing alone on the air-strip with his gasoline can and his package of matches."

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