

VA Chief Explains Law

No part of benefit payments from social security can be waived by veterans or their widows who must meet certain income limitations to be eligible for non-service-connected disability or death pension from the Veterans Administration.

That statement was issued recently by R. J. Novotny, manager of the VA Regional Office in Portland, who said he is receiving many queries on the subject.

Novotny said a boost in social security payments which will be reflected in the checks delivered during early February, may cause some persons to become ineligible for VA pension because their "other income" will exceed \$1,400 annually (if without dependents) or \$2,700 (if with dependents).

Many of the affected pensioners mistakenly believe they may waive part of their social security benefits and thus bring their "other income" below the annual limitations established for VA pension, Novotny added.

Income limitations for VA pension purposes apply to veterans and widows of veterans of World War I, World War II, and the Korean conflict. They do not apply to veterans or widows of veterans of wars before World War I, Novotny explained.

He also pointed out that until the person receiving social security has actually received an amount equal to the total social security contributions taken from his salary or wages in the past, the monthly social security payments do not count as income and do not have to be reported.

Crash Victim Was Husband Of KF Woman

First Lieutenant Edward A. Johnson Jr., attached to the 84th Squadron, Air Force, Western Air Defense, who was one of the nine men aboard a plane lost January 11, was the husband of a Klamath Falls girl, the former Margaret Joyce Dillstrom.

Mrs. Johnson is the daughter of Mrs. Edna Dillstrom, this city, and has numerous relatives living in this area.

The plane was en route from Travis Air Force Base to Alaska by way of McChord Field when it crashed. None of the airmen survived.

The young airman was about 27 years old. The couple, married in Klamath Falls, has two children, Kelly and Stacy. The family lived at Fairfield near the base. Mrs. Johnson graduated from Sacred Heart Academy and Oregon Technical Institute.

Lt. Johnson's home was at Walpole, New Hampshire. Funeral services were held January 27 at Bellows Falls, Vermont.

Former Resident Dies In Oakland

A former longtime resident of Klamath Falls, Mrs. Laura Bertram, 84, died in Oakland on January 9. She had been in failing health since Thanksgiving. Her husband, F. W. Bertram, was an early day jeweler and Mrs. Bertram with a son Lawrence (F. L.) Bertram continued the business later destroyed by fire.

Word of Mrs. Bertram's death was sent to Mrs. Marshall Cornett, this city. A private funeral was held in San Francisco with burial in the family crypt beside her husband.

A granddaughter, Helen, Mrs. Bud Wampler, lives at San Luis Obispo. Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Bertram live in Oakland.

On The Record

KLAMATH FALLS BIRTHS

BOYS

CLARY—Born to Mr. and Mrs. Roy A. Clary January 22 in Klamath Valley Hospital a boy, weighing 8 lbs., 14 ozs.

WAGNER—Born to Mr. and Mrs. Jerry L. Wagner January 22 in Klamath Valley Hospital a boy, weighing 8 lbs., 2 ozs.

WILLIAMS—Born to Mr. and Mrs. Dale W. Williams January 22 in Klamath Valley Hospital a boy, weighing 8 lbs., 7 1/2 ozs.

GIRLS

McDERMOTT—Born to Mr. and Mrs. Thomas A. McDermott January 22 in Klamath Valley Hospital a girl, weighing 7 lbs.

1959 ROUNDUP

Boys: 30 Girls: 15

CITY BRIEFS

Memorial Fund—St. Paul's Episcopal Church is establishing a memorial fund in memory of Mrs. D. V. (Rozelle) Ryckendall. Those desiring to participate may send gifts to the church, P.O. Box 963, Klamath Falls. Further information may be obtained by telephoning TU 4-3555.

Junior B & B—Group will dance Wednesday, January 28, at 7:30 p.m. at the city library auditorium.

Friendly Circle—will meet Thursday at the home of Louise O'Brien, 2051 Hope Street, for potluck luncheon at 12:30.

Sewing Group—of Friendship Court No. 11. Order of Amaranth, will meet Wednesday, January 28.

Holiday Girl Crowning Set

LA PORTE, Ind. (AP)—A golden-haired little girl with a patched up heart will celebrate the "best" day of her life next Tuesday at the White House.

That's the day Mrs. Dwight D. Eisenhower will crown six-year-old Debbie Quinn as America's Valentine Girl for 1959.

The American Heart Assn. chose Debbie, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Quinn of La Porte, as a symbol of hope for the 1959 heart fund campaign.

Debbie was born with four heart defects. She had a quarter-size hole between the ventricles of her heart; her pulmonary artery was too narrow; her great artery was displaced, and the right side of her heart was enlarged.

But Dr. C. Walton Lillehei of the University of Minnesota Heart Hospital repaired Debbie's heart in a 7 1/2 hour operation that would have been impossible 10 years ago. The heart lung pump, which did the work of her heart and lungs during surgery, is a post World War II development.

Just before the operation, Debbie's brother Bobby, a year older than his sister, told Mrs. Quinn: "Mommie, I bet when God made Debbie he didn't happen to have a good heart around, so he said to her, 'take this one, Debbie, and when you are five years old I'll tell some doctor how to fix it for you so it will be as good as new.'"

KF Man's Father Dies In Aberdeen

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth A. Moore, Klamath Falls, were called Monday to Aberdeen, Washington, by the death of Moore's father, Charles Smith Moore, 86, who died January 25. He had been in failing health for some time. Mr. Moore had lived in Aberdeen for over 50 years, going there in 1907 from Kansas.

He had visited here with the late Mrs. Moore some years ago. In addition to the son, Kenneth A. Moore of this city, a daughter, Mrs. Leslie R. Waugh, also survives.

Funeral services were held today.

KF Lad To Star In Scopes Drama

Howard Cain, a third year speech major from Klamath Falls, will play the leading role in the next University Theater production, "Inherit the Wind," at the University of Oregon.

The part Cain will play is Drummond Darrow in the drama. The play dramatizes the Scopes evolution trial and the collision between William Jennings Bryan and Clarence Darrow in an obscure Tennessee courthouse in mid-July, 1925.

Cain is the son of Mr. and Mrs. James R. Fowler of Klamath Falls. The play is set to open January 30.

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SF Banker Plans Talk

TULELAKE—Jack Eachon Jr., San Francisco, vice president, National Division, First Western Bank and Trust Company, will speak on "The Meaning of Inflation," at the annual membership banquet-meeting of the Tulelake Growers Association on February 7.

Dinner will be served at 6:30 in the home economics building at the fairgrounds by the Ladies Guild of the Tulelake Presbyterian Church. The Tulelake Garden Club will be responsible for decorations. Earl Schultz, past association president will be in charge of the program.

Tickets to the dinner are now on sale and may be purchased from Dick Falconer, 1959 president, Sam Wynn, Burris Short, Wilbur Edwards, George Fabianek, Dick Halousek, Ben Reimer, Chet Main, Sam Anderson, Lowell Kenyon, Stan Buckingham, Lester Turnbaugh, Ed Duckett, Earl Schultz and Otto Haynes.

New officers in addition to President Falconer include Sam Wynn, vice president; Burris Short, secretary; Wilbur Edwards, George Fabianek and Dick Halousek, serving for three year terms on the board of directors. Clifford Jenkins is manager.

The association was formed 16 years ago and has been largely responsible for many of the achievements in the field of agriculture in the Tulelake area.

Committee chairmen and members named by President Falconer follow: grain, Woodrow Chambers, chairman, George Heistura, chairman, George E. Smith Jr., Austin Terry, John L. Coulson and Martin Dingler.

Potatoes, Sam Anderson, chairman, Harry Rose, Johnny C. Baley, Elmer Olson, John Krizo and Otto Haynes; clover, Dean Callas, chairman, George Pickup, J. C. Baley Sr., Wayne Holbrook, Bob Anderson and Jess Prosser; miscellaneous crops, Stan Buckingham, chairman, Verne Jensen, Lynn Swenson, Cliff Taylor, Bill Baley and Herbert Kirby.

Weather Table

United Press International
Temperatures and rainfall for 24 hours ending at 4 a.m.

	High	Low	Rain
Albuquerque	58	28	
Atlanta	67	46	
Bakersfield	59	42	
Boise	47	38 .04	
Boston	22	18 .02	
Brownsville	76	60	
Chicago	22	12	
Denver	38	18 .09	
Detroit	16	5	
El Centro	76	50	
Fairbanks	-12	-19	
Fort Worth	56	34	
Fresno	57	40	
Helena	40	28	
Kansas City	28	14 .10	
Los Angeles	68	52	
Miami	78	67 .03	
Minneapolis	18	1	
New Orleans	71	55	
New York	34	24 .08	
Oakland	66	52	
Oklahoma City	32	25	
Phoenix	70	43	
Pittsburgh	28	21 .02	
Red Bluff	59	44 .01	
Reno	50	31	
Sacramento	58	46	
Salt Lake City	40	28 .02	
San Diego	68	51	
San Francisco	60	52	
Seattle	50	45 .52	
Spokane	38	34 .14	
Stockton	60	44 T	
Thermal	80	51	
Tucson	72	37	
Washington	48	29	

Suspensions Show Hike

Failure to comply with the state's financial responsibility laws last year resulted in license suspensions for 21,267 operators of motor vehicles, the Oregon Department of Motor Vehicles reported recently.

The figure represents an increase of slightly more than 6,000 over 1957.

Officials said reasons for suspensions under financial responsibility provisions of the law included: driver or owner involved in an uninsured accident, 7,849; unsatisfied judgment, 266; failure to maintain proof of financial responsibility, 6,514; failure to report an accident, 106; and failure to meet security requirements, 1,318.

The department said 32,307 vehicles involved in accidents last year reported damages in excess of \$50 and that 6,111 of the 95,200 vehicles involved did not have insurance.

Claims evaluated by financial responsibility personnel during the year revealed that the average claim for property damages in uninsured accidents was \$248 and for personal injury, \$529.

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Oregon Weather

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS
24 hours to 4:30 a.m. Tuesday

	Max.	Min.	Precip.
Baker	47	26	.01
Bend	43	34	.06
Eugene	53	48	1.11
Lakeview	41	34	.10
Medford	49	43	.10
Newport	51	48	1.77
North Bend	55	51	1.36
Pendleton	55	43	.02
Portland Airp't	54	46	.73
Redmond	46	40	.01
Roseburg	53	48	.93
Salem	55	50	.96

Western Oregon—intermittent rain through Wednesday with brief periods of partial clearing; little change in temperatures. Highs 48-56; low tonight 40-48. Coastal winds southwesterly to southeasterly, 12-25 m.p.h., increasing to 35 m.p.h. at times.

Eastern Oregon—intermittent rain through Wednesday with periods of partial clearing; windy in some areas; continued mild. Highs 45-55; low tonight 32-42.

Northern Oregon beaches—Occasional showers and brief clearing periods, becoming partly cloudy Wednesday with a few showers over the Coast Range. Temperature range 38-58. Beach winds westerly to southwesterly, 10-20 m.p.h., becoming northwesterly, 5-15 m.p.h. Wednesday.

Grants Pass and vicinity—Rain through tonight; partly cloudy Wednesday. Low tonight 40-45; high Wednesday near 50.

Baker-LaGrande area—Showery tonight; partly cloudy Wednesday with a few snow showers in the mountains. Highs 38-45; low tonight 28-34.

Victims Get Aid From RC

Reports received at the local Red Cross chapter on the Eastern storms reveal 10,916 families were affected in 39 counties of five states, including West Virginia, Ohio, Indiana, Pennsylvania and New York. At the peak of activity on January 22, the Red Cross was operating 82 shelters with 5,800 occupants. Sixty-five national staff members are assisting chapter volunteers in providing food, shelter, clothing and other emergency assistance for persons evicted as a result of flood waters and storm.

Disaster headquarters have been established at Columbus, Ohio, and Red Cross chapters in that state are appealing for contributions to aid flood victims. Rehabilitation of families on an individual basis of need will be initiated in the area immediately. Those wishing to contribute funds specified for flood victim relief may send donations to the local chapter for forwarding to the disaster area.

TARPAULIN LOST

Albert Glassley, 4336 Austin Street, reported to state police the loss of a dark brown canvas tarpaulin, which apparently fell off his truck while he was driving on Altamont Drive Friday.

DINNER RING THEFT

Theft of a woman's dinner ring valued at \$43, was reported to state police Saturday by Robert Scholl, manager of Rickys Town and Country Jewelers, 3860 South Sixth Street.

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