

Higher Old Age Insurance Benefits Bill Now Shaping Up

Joint Senate-House Committee At Work

Higher old-age insurance benefit payments have been voted by the Senate-House conference committee at Washington which is shaping a bill expanding the social security program.

The committee, which is ironing out differences in bills passed by the two chambers, agreed on a virtual 100 percent increase in the benefits to be received at retirement by persons now working. It also voted to tack a 7 1/4 percent average increase on the insurance checks now going to aged persons and survivors already getting them.

The conferees have settled on language extending the program to 5 million self-employed persons and 1 million domestic servants. The bill will increase the number of all persons covered by 10 million, making a total of 45 million.

Passage of a broadening bill is expected this session.

In another action, the conferees decided to blanket into the program about 250,000 persons who previously had been excluded by a "definition of employee" amendment adopted three years ago.

The action, not repealing the amendment, stipulates that coverage should be extended to full-time life insurance salesmen, agent and commission drivers engaged in the distribution of meat, vegetable and fruit products, dry-cleaning or laundry services, baking products and beverages other than milk; full-time wholesale salesmen and manufacturers' agents taking orders from wholesalers, and salesmen selling to contractors and industrial home workers.

This action is intended to say definitely that certain persons are covered, although their employee status is in doubt because of contractual or commission relationships.

Most of those previously excluded, because of such doubt, will come under the program by the inclusion of the self-employed in the new bill.

Explosives Trucks Banned From 'Pike'

The Pennsylvania Turnpike officials have banned all vehicles carrying inflammable or explosive commodities from use of the Turnpike tunnels.

The ban, effective July 28, was imposed in the interest of safety, said the Turnpike Commission.

Since the opening of the super-highway in 1940, vehicles carrying loads of inflammables or explosives were permitted the use of the seven tunnels between the hours of midnight and 8 a. m. each day except holidays and holiday week ends.

Since 1943 it has been necessary under that plan to clear the tunnels of all other traffic when vehicles carrying these products were passing through.

"This plan created a hazard and delay for other traffic because vehicles were detained on the paved surface approaching the tunnel portals," the commission pointed out, adding:

"Traffic on the turnpike has increased to such enormous proportions in recent years that the commission determined, after a survey lasting almost a year, as a safety measure, and to expedite other traffic that vehicles containing these types of commodities would have to be excluded."

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ATHLETE'S FOOT (TENNIS CLAPNET)

Almost every adult has or has had either a mild or severe form of athlete's foot.

Public health authorities state that evidence of this infection can be found on more than half of the American public.

However, the majority acquire only mild infections which often remain dormant. Nevertheless, the active form of athlete's foot is the third most common summer skin disease and the fifth most common in winter.

Women are not as apt to contract the disease because of the type of footwear they wear. Air and dryness are the two greatest enemies of athlete's foot. The open heels and toes of women's shoes permit a continual flow of air over all parts of the foot. This dries up any perspiration that might be present. Men's heavy socks and tightly laced shoes give the fungus which causes the disease every chance to thrive on the moisture caused by perspiring feet.

Although it is scientifically referred to as epidermatophytosis, athlete's foot is appropriate because the use of common facilities in many matters of hygiene for both soldiers and athletes gives these groups a high incidence of the disease.

Athlete's foot is caused by certain types of living germs which are larger and more highly developed than the fungus which usually represent a low form of plant life known as fungi. These fungi cause diseases only of the skin and are able to multiply only on a favorable environment in which athlete's foot usually starts between the toes or on the soles of the feet—where there is an ample supply of dead, moist material for these germs to live on.

This disease is more common in summer than winter because of the use of swimming, hot tubs, shower rooms, and gyms encourage the possibilities of the disease. Long hikes, constant standing, wearing woolen socks, rubber or ill-fitting shoes have a tendency to increase the moisture, sweating, scaling and the accumulation of soggy, dead material on the feet so that the fungus may easily take hold. About the toe nails, a soft corn, in a small callus, or in between the toes, the fungi are always ready for a favorable moment in which the surface acidity of the skin is lowered and thus predisposed to infection. Sleeping for years, the fungi may suddenly become active, multiplying and spreading, causing an acute form of the disease.

The first symptoms to appear are usually increased weakness or soreness between the toes, or itching and blistering on the sole of the foot. Itching is a predominant symptom in all cases.

When the disease spreads, it may be either a return to normal or a progression of the disease. Severe cases may take the form of large, blistering, raw areas or which in the acute stage has a resemblance to poison ivy. Eventually, scaling and thickening follow and if the nails are affected, they often become distorted and chalklike.

Athlete's foot is most commonly confined between the toes and the soles of the feet, but the eruption may spread to any part of the feet and even to other areas.

At any time during an attack on the feet, it is quite possible that blistering eruptions or scaling may take place on the hands. In very exceptional cases, eruptions may appear all over the body except for the face and the scalp, which always remain immune to athlete's foot. Those infections which appear on parts other than the feet are secondary eruptions.

To prevent an active case of athlete's foot, it is wise to frequently wash and thoroughly dry the feet and then use a 50 percent ordinary rubbing alcohol solution followed by dusting with boric acid powder. Keep the nails trimmed and remove the excessively horny material from the soles and between the toes. Wear socks that are absorbent but not too coarse and change them daily. Shoes should be well fitting but not air tight. There are other precautionary measures, chief of which is to avoid proprietary remedies. These often cause the disease to spread or to become worse and last longer than ordinary.

A healthy skin is also dependent on such basic things as life, exercise and a proper diet. When the structure of the body is perfect it is much easier for the blood and nerves to nourish all its parts. What the diet contains more milk, green vegetables and fresh fruit and less sweets and fried stuffs, the caliber of the nourishment that reaches the skin will be that much higher. A visit to your physician can be the means of informing yourself on questions of correct body mech-

anics, diet, or specific treatment for your type of athlete's foot. While it is frequently more painful and irritating than dangerous, athlete's foot should be considered a health hazard and treated as such. Although the disease may not be as contagious as once thought, it is not fair for one with the infection to leave causative spores on floors, bath mats and towels. It is simply good hygiene to protect others as well as yourself.

Blood Typing Plans To Be Listed Later

Medics Urge Wearing Of Blood Identification

Harrisburg (PNS)—The blood-typing of every man, woman and child in Pennsylvania, as a protection against the effects of an atomic death from attack has been recommended to the Governor's Civil Defense Committee by the Medical Society of Pennsylvania.

"Blood from living donors immediately following an atomic blast will save more lives than would be saved by the use of stored blood for the society. It is necessary to know each person's blood type not only so that he may help save the life of an injured person but so that his own life may be saved should he be a victim."

All citizens of the state will be urged, through an educational program, to voluntarily have their blood typed, said the society. It was pointed out that this is a simple and painless procedure and is important also in the normal hazards of heavy industry and automobile accidents.

"Each person will carry with him, on his Social Security Card, automobile driver's license, on a metal disc or in some other manner, a mark indicating his blood type, be it O, A, B or AB," the society said, adding:

"Even those persons who live in communities unlikely to be bombed should be typed, as these will be the ones best able to furnish whole blood to victims in bombed areas."

Plans for mass blood typing will be announced later.

Railway Age Gives Praise To Truman On Recent Action

President Truman deserves the gratitude of the shippers, owners and employees of the railroads, as well as the American people," says Railway Age, "for his firm action on July 8 and 9 which caused the switchmen's union to call off its strike against five western railroads."

The action the president took in dealing thus resolutely with the switchmen's walk-out was doubtless a powerful factor in forestalling a much larger strike—possibly nation-wide in extent—by the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen, the Order of Railway Conductors and the Railroad Yardmasters. These organizations, no less than the switchmen, rejected the award of a presidential emergency board.

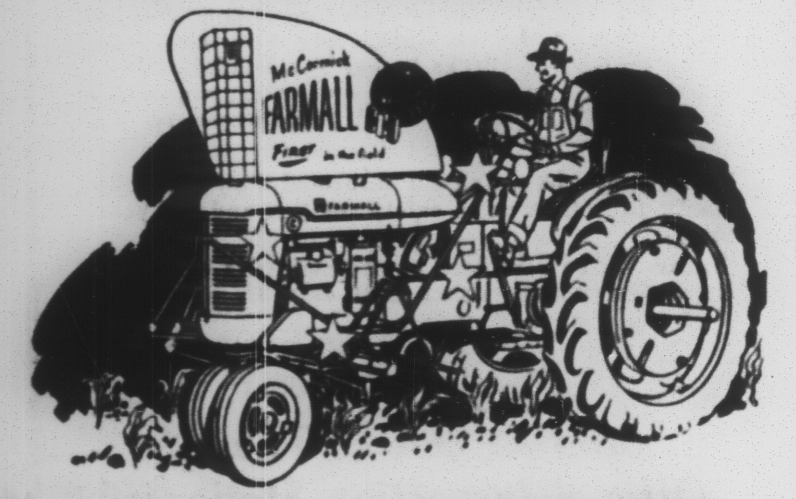
"Such peace as has existed in railway labor relations since 1941 has not been due to any virtue or power in the railway labor act, but to the purchase by the railroads of the cooperation of the unions by concessions to them in excess of awards made under terms of the act. Strikes on the railroads have now become commonplace instead of being practically nonexistent, as they were in the past."

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State Sheriffs Will Meet At Johnstown

The 1951 convention of the Pennsylvania Sheriffs' Association will be held in Johnstown.

The city was chosen at the closing session of the 1950 convention last Saturday in York.

"We sold them a bill of goods," said John A. Conway, Cambria County Sheriff, in reporting the selection.

The original invitation was made by Harry E. Finley of the Johnstown Convention and Visitors Bureau. The spacious War Memorial, to be completed next October, was cited as one of the advantages this county has for offering conventions.

The selection of Johnstown was promoted by Mr. Conway and three former Cambria County Sheriffs who attended the York event—Cyrus W. Davis, Pat Farrell, Homer C. George and John McHugh, a deputy sheriff, who also took part in the convention.

A LITTLE TOO LATE

The woman just ahead of a reporter in New York City had a long list of packaged staples and then she came to the canned goods counter.

"I'll take a case of tomatoes, a case of corn, a case of..." she attempted to continue until the clerk interrupted.

"What are you buying so many cases for?"

"I want to get my canned goods, in before the hoarders start," she explained.

Ralph J. and Josephine Costello of Patton have purchased a residence in Patton fronting 45 feet on Mellon Avenue for \$7,000 from Hugh and Rita Semelberger.

Discharge Papers Due Back By Aug. 15

The State Bonus Bureau said last week that all veteran discharge papers submitted in claims for Pennsylvania's World War II bonus should be returned by Aug. 15.

We are doing all possible to speed it up," said Clyde E. Rankin, director of the Bonus Bureau.

He made the comment when told that navy veterans, seeking to reenlist, were being turned down because their discharge papers were at the Bonus Bureau in Harrisburg.

Rankin said that about 355,000 claims have yet to be processed, with about 90,000 of them from navy veterans.

The claims, he said, are being processed at the rate of 12,000 a day, 2,000 to 2,500 of them being from navy veterans.

Miss Hazel Eger Weds Gallitzin Man

Miss Hazel Eger, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Eger of Cresson Township, became the bride of Raymond Myers of Gallitzin on Saturday morning, July 15, in St. Aloysius Catholic Church at the Summit, Cresson.

Rev. Father I. A. Strittmatter, pastor, officiated at the double-ring ceremony.

Donna Mae Eger of Madison, Ohio, a cousin of the bride, was the maid of honor, and Robert Eger of West Elizabeth, Pa., a brother of the bride, was the best man.

Bridesmaids were Margaret and Alice Eger, sisters of the bride, and Joan Myers, a sister of the bridegroom. Ushers were Nutley Campagna, Clyde Moyer and Paul Schurfa, all of Lilly.

Mr. Myers, a veteran of World War II, is employed by the Pennsylvania Railroad. The bride, a graduate of the Cresson High School.

The couple are now residing in Cresson, following a wedding trip through Ohio.

BARN DESTROYED BY FIRE

Twenty years ago last Friday fire of an unknown origin early in the morning destroyed the large barn on the Herman Elig farm in East Carroll Township.



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