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WASHINGTON COLUMN

Second of two dispatches on proposed social security law changes.

WASHINGTON COLUMN

Many Bills Propose Broadening Social Security

BY PETER EDSON
NEA Washington Correspondent



WASHINGTON—(NEA)—There are now over 100 bills before Congress dealing with proposed changes in the social security law. Seventy of these bills call for increasing old-age survivors' insurance, 41 for increasing old-age assistance. Twenty-seven want unemployment compensation formulas changed, while 13 cover aid to dependent children and one wants the government to pay maternity benefits.

Out of all this confusion there is some possibility that action may be forthcoming—maybe this year, maybe not until next. There are three principal pressures in government to speed it up. President Truman says he will send a special message to Congress on the subject. His budget message called for increasing benefit payments by \$100,000,000 next year, covering all gainfully employed workers, increasing the maximum amount of earnings taxable. Present cost of the system is \$750,000,000 a year, as against receipts from payroll taxes of \$2,500,000,000. The balance goes into reserves for future payments.

COMMISSIONER ARTHUR ALTMAYER of the Social Security Administration has already outlined his agency's recommendations. He believes the minimum benefit payable should be increased from \$10 to \$20 a month. The maximum paid to any one family should be \$185, instead of the present \$85. Workers should be permitted to earn up to \$40 a month and still receive social security benefits. At the present time, no worker earning more than \$14.99 a month can receive benefits. The retirement age and the survivors' age limit for women should be reduced from 65 to 60.

Finally, says Commissioner Altmayer, the first \$4800 of every covered worker's annual income should be taxed for social security, instead of only the first \$3000, as at present. To pay for all these additional benefits, it might be necessary to levy a tax of from 5 to 8 per cent on this amount.

Altmayer made these recommendations before the Senate Finance Committee's 17-member Advisory Council on Social Security. Chairman of this council is ex-Secretary of State Edward R. Stettinius, Jr.

This is the third such council of private citizens assigned to study social security. It will report some time in March on three principal subjects—extending the coverage to more workers, increasing benefits to workers permanently disabled before reaching retirement age, changing the benefit payment formulas, by which the amount of money a beneficiary receives is calculated.

In June, the council will make a second report, covering possible changes in unemployment compensation, the payment of cash sickness benefits for short-term unemployment on certified illness, and the rates of public assistance payments to the poor.

These two major reports of the Advisory Council on Social Security will go to the Senate Finance Committee, which set up the council last July and gave it \$25,000 to conduct its study. Chairman of the committee is Sen. Eugene Millikin (R., Colo.).

Since social security matters are considered as taxation, and since the Constitution provides that tax bills must originate in the House, it is entirely possible that the reports to Senator Millikin may be stemmed. That has yet to be worked out with the House.

Chairman Harold Knutson (R., Minn.) of the House Ways and Means Committee, which handles tax matters, has so far shown himself interested only in cutting taxes. If he decides that nothing should be done about changing social security law, that will be that.

SPORTS

BY HARRY GRAYSON
NEA Sports Editor

NEW YORK—(NEA)—It took a World War to bring Lavern Roach and Johnny Abood together.

The association has been good for both, to say nothing of the badly wounded fight game and the Roach family.

With New York District Attorney Frank S. Hogan demanding that Chairman Eddie Egan's of the Boxing Commission drive under-world characters out of the beak-busting business, it is refreshing to have a pair of Marines like Roach and Abood.

Roach won a niche in the mid-weight division when he took a one-sided 10-round decision from Tony Janiro at Madison Square Garden the other night.

Acting promoter Sol Strauss is now moving to pair Roach with Marcel Cerdan in March.

Roach still has some distance to go, but might get over Cerdan at that. The French Moroccan is not getting any younger, and Anton Raadik had him on the deck three times in the final round in Chicago not long ago.

Roach is an aggressive boxer-fighter. He lacks the paralyzing power that makes a fighter spectacular, but the mob likes him.

It has been quite a spell since Cauliflower Alley has had a team as good looking as Roach and Abood, and they look enough alike to be brothers. Both are blue-eyed, sandy-haired, five-foot 10 and just under 160 pounds. The biggest difference is in their ages.

Lavern will be 22 on Washington's birthday, Johnny is 36.

Meeting in the spring of 1943 at the Marines' Cherry Point, N. C., base, Roach and Abood have been inseparable.

Abood was in charge of combat conditioning and coach of the boxing team when Roach shipped in as a boot.

"The kid had a natural left when I first saw him at 17," re-

"There, That'll Learn 'im"



Three - Dimensional Film Improved

PARIS (UP)—An electrician in Nice has given the first showing of a three-dimensional film on which he has been working for five years.

Although still in the experimental stage, the new process is described in L'Ecran Francais as contributing a "perceptible improvement" to third dimensional projection.

The inventor, Marc Stellini, an electrician at the Victorine Stu-

Dreams Go Up In Smoke

AMERICA, Ill. (UP)—The honeymoon dreams of the newlywed Mr. and Mrs. Harve Calvin, Jr., went up in smoke when their new home here, financed by a GI loan, burned to the ground while they were being married in a church a few miles away.

Veal and Lamb Wed

ALBION, Ind. (UP)—County Clerk Porter Black issued a marriage license to Mary M. Veal and Merle R. Lamb.

THIS CURIOUS WORLD



CROSSWORD PUZZLE

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12 Hindu queen
13 Appointed
15 Emmet
16 Slacken
18 Meadow
19 Compass point
20 Guenon monkey
21 Yards (ab.)
22 Laughter sound
23 Exclamation
24 Painful
28 Among
31 Slight bow
32 Negative word
33 Festival
34 Brain passage
36 Symbol for samarium
37 Sloth
39 Leaving
41 Car
45 Too
46 Wine vessel
47 Brigand
49 Frozen water
50 Freed
52 He is a actor
54 Takes anew
55 Old
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Mrs. John A. Doyle Program Leader For W. S. C. S. Service

Mrs. John A. Doyle, chairman of the Spiritual Life Committee, was leader of the program for the Woman's Society of Christian Service at the Methodist Church Monday afternoon. Mrs. E. J. Turner gave the devotional on "Power." Mrs. Rosalie Leslie gave a talk on "Faith," and Mrs. S. Long talked on "Hindrances."

During the business session, which was presided over by the president Mrs. R. C. Ferguson, Mrs. Ferguson and Mrs. Frank Crosswell were elected delegate to the Central Texas Conference to be in Cleburne March 16-17 and 18th. Mrs. Frank Castleberry and Mrs. Jack Ammer were elected alternates.

Present at the meeting were: Mrs. W. H. Mullings, Charles Harris, Herman Hassell, Tonsie Johnson, Rosalie Leslie, John A. Doyle, Frank Castleberry, E. R. Townsend, Pearson Grimes, E. R. Sikes, Fred Davenport, C. B. Frost Sr., John D. McKee, James Horton, J. L. Cottingham, N. P. McCarney, John Little, Frank Crowell, Jack Ammer, J. C. Looney, T. L. Fagg, Milburn S. Long, R. D. McCrary, George Cross, E. J. Turner, Ina Bear.

Flatwoods H. D. Club Meets With Mrs. Wiley Harbin

The Flatwoods Home Demonstration club met February 5, at the home of Mrs. Wiley Harbin. Mrs. Dewey Webb, vice-president, presided. Roll call was answered with "Women In The News." Mrs. J. B. Caudle read the minutes of the previous meeting after which a short business session was held.

Mrs. Helen C. Marquardt, County Home Demonstration Agent, talked on color schemes and arrangements in the home. Refreshments were served to the following:

Mmes. Jeff Harbin, Lon Palmer, J. S. Turner, Marcus Greiger, Glenn Justice, Dewey Webb, Herman Jordan, Charlie Webb, Hoover Pitman, J. B. Caudle, Marquardt and hostess, Mrs. Wiley Harbin.

Personals

Dr. L. C. Brown has been confined to his bed for several days because of illness. He had been sick for several weeks before he went to bed.

Mr. and Mrs. Eldon Smith and daughter, Cathy, were in San Angelo, Sunday to see Miss Wilda Drago, who is in a hospital in San Angelo. They say Miss Drago is doing as well as can be expected. The doctors seemed well pleased with her condition so far.

Mr. and Mrs. Mack M. Jones of Abilene were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Frank A. Jones Monday. They were enroute home after a visit to Waco and Carbon.

Rev. and Mrs. E. R. Gordon were in Fort Worth Monday, where Mrs. Gordon received treatment for an infected eye. Mrs. Gordon says her eye is better.

Duty Is Duty

GARY, Ind. (UP)—Mrs. Lucretia Fowler, out going chief deputy clerk of courts, signed as one of her final official acts a summons ordering her husband to appear in court. The Rev. Newton P. Fowler, president of the Gary school board, was ordered to appear to answer a \$10,000 damage suit against the city schools.

"Heartsease"
By Elsie Glenn

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Have you ever read that price-less book "THE PROPHET" by Kahilil Gibran? If you are steeped in a narrow view of religion, where your fellow man is condemned when he does not believe as you do don't read it. You may be disturbed... about your own little straight and narrow path and of course, you don't want to disturb yourself, if you are comfortable.

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Not for all the millions of dollars that could be put at my feet in exchange, would I trade my absolute knowledge that "as each one of you stands alone in God's knowledge... so must each one of you be alone in his knowledge of God in his understanding of the earth."

Read it. "THE PROPHET" by Kahilil Gibran.

Father Of Three Joins Son In High School

SALEM, Ore. (UP)—The way Frank Lockman, Sr., figures it, "your'e never too old to learn." So, Lockman, 49 is going to school.

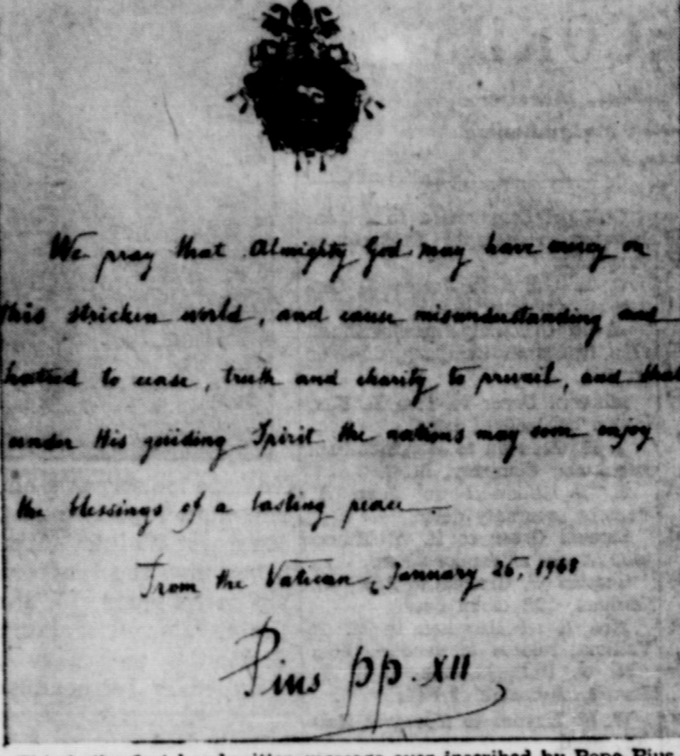
What's more, he is to be graduated from Salem High School next June. He will be getting his diploma a year ahead of his son, Frank Jr., who is a high school junior.

Lockman, the father of three some day hopes to share a law practice with his son.

Nebraska fed, clothed, housed, and provided medical care and some recreation for the inmates and patients of state institutions in 1947 at an average cost of \$10.56 a week.

Four Harvard University buildings still standing were used by Gen. George Washington to barack his troops in 1775.

Pope Writes in English



This is the first handwritten message ever inscribed by Pope Pius XII in English. Written on his personal stationery, it was presented to an English photographer, David Waddington, for inclusion in the book, "Great Men." (Exclusive radio photo by NEA-Acme, staff correspondent Julius Huml.)

PALESTINE DIVISION HOLDS THREAT OF ECONOMIC RUIN

By James E. Roper United Press Staff Correspondent LAKE SUCCESS, N. Y. (UP)—The partition of Palestine into Jewish and Arab states probably will cause an economic as well as military crisis in the Holy Land.

The United Nations, during months of hectic debate on Palestine's future, gave little attention to economic problems, but officials are growing increasingly concerned as the hour for partition approaches.

Great Britain plans to give up control of Palestine about May 15, and have all of its troops out of the area by Aug. 1.

That will end the heavy British expenditure which began when Britain took over Palestine under a League of Nations mandate after World War I. British money has flowed steadily into Palestine without a correspondent outflow of Palestine goods.

A UN commission which studied the Palestine problem last summer estimated that British military expenditures there during the peace-time year of 1946 totaled \$94,000,000—or 20 per cent of the national income of Palestine, which is no larger than Maryland.

The loss of the British money, UN officials believe, will be a severe blow to Palestine's economy. In addition, Palestine has a distressingly unfavorable balance of trade, and is plagued by lessens that world conditions may lessen the demand for Palestine goods and cause unemployment in the Holy Land.

The situation may be complicated by temporary economic dislocation caused by the partition, especially if fighting spreads. The

Friendly Policeman Plus Little Girl's Smile Brighten World

By James Mahony United Press Staff Correspondent BOSTON (UP)—A little girl who wanted to be pretty probably will get her wish because she has a charming smile.

It was the smile that attracted Patrolman William Hennessey when 8-year-old Mary Reid came dancing home from school each day and clasped his hands as she greeted him at the crossing.

She always had a smile for the officer despite her disfigured face. Hennessey watched for her every day and appointed himself her unofficial "guardian angel."

He learned that she had been burned four years ago in a fire which took the lives of her mother, two sisters and a brother. He wanted to help her but couldn't do much on a policeman's salary. Finally, near Christmas he made a token gesture which snowballed into a promise that Mary might once again look like other girls.

Hennessey gave her a wrist-watch. Newspapers noted the unusualness of such a present and dug deeper to find the reason. Others wanted to help Hennessey and his "girl friend" and contributions started pouring in to finance plastic surgery for the girl.

A group of professional and business men set up an Ethel Mary Reid trust—and made it permanent to help not only Mary but other poor children in need of costly surgery.

The New England Deaconess Hospital offered the girl a free room during the period of her facial surgery. She soon will start a series of operations for the res-

lower standard of living. The economically weak Arab state, however, will face the political hazard of being absorbed by the Jewish state, or by the neighboring Arab countries of Transjordan and Syria.

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TUESDAY & WEDNESDAY
THAT HAGEN GIRL
with Shirley Temple

tion of one Omahan to another to stop jaywalking, going against the light, and other violations, according to Council Manager Paul R. Stevens and M. J. Timmins, chairman of traffic engineering.

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To make sure that your children have enough of the right kind of light for home study assignments and music lessons or for play and relaxation, make sure that every socket has a bulb large enough to provide adequate illumination and that shades are so fixed that glare is eliminated. Remember, with Better Light they will have Better Sights.

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