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DEMAND GROWS FOR STATE SOCIAL SECURITY PROBE

Clamor for Investigation of the Old-age Pension and Relief Activities is Joined in by Legislators of Both Political Parties.

The starlight of a legislative investigation may focus in January on social security-millionaire stepchild of the depression, says an Associated Press item from Jefferson City on Dec. 16. It continues: An Associated Press survey of the State's 184 legislators show today the big welfare agency -fountainhead for the old-age pensions and relief-may have to lay its cards on the table before it gets any more money from the Sixty-first General Assembly, which convenes January 8.

The demand for a social security investigation, raised in futile voice by the Republicans last session, was taken up by both major parties this time. Although the Democrats were not as insistent as their Republican colleagues, the poll showed those members favoring an inquiry of the agency hold a 9 to 1 majority.

A complete investigation of social security should be made, before the appropriation for the next two years is approved, said Rep. Frank Lowry of Cape Girardeau.

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to be done, apparently the lawmakers would prefer to see it done in the agency's administrative funds, operating costs that look \$2,500,000 of the more than \$11,000,000 that went into the department two years ago.

An Old Problem
The problems of social security are an old refrain in Missouri legislative halls. The last regular session literally opened and closed on a chorus of old-age pension and relief debates. It was an argument over relief that kept the session working past its sine die adjournment hour.

It was relief alone that brought the members into a special session last summer to appropriate another \$1,500,000 to see the State's thousands of needy families through the winter months of 1940.

AUGUSTA NEWS

The regular meeting of the S. I. A. will be held on January 1, 1941 instead of January 1.

The American Legion is giving a Christmas dance on December 25, and a New Year's dance on December 31, at the Laermose Vevan Hall.

The Augusta high school basketball teams were defeated by the Wright City teams Thursday night. The boys score was 25 to 11 and the girls score was 15 to 15.

The Christmas carolers will make their annual round Monday night, December 23.

Have Christmas Party
The Sunday School of the Evangelical church will have their Christmas program on Thursday night, December 26, beginning at 7:30 p.m. Everyone is invited.

To all of this column's faithful readers this writer wishes a most Merry Christmas.

An unusual Christmas party was enjoyed by the Home Lovers Club at the home of Mrs. O. Thinking on December 12, at 7 p.m. After a short business meeting, Christmas gifts were exchanged.

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American School of the Air program, Friday, December 20, at 2:30 p.m. over Radio KMOX. The topic to be discussed is, "To What Extent Should the Government Regulate Agriculture?" The following students will take part in the discussion: James Kessler, Leonard Hopen, Norman Solmann, Muriel Solmann, Viola Slem, Helen Bratton, Olivia Hopen and Betty Jane Clay.

Holdup Man Walks Into Trap -And Walks Out In Mischief

At St. Charles Sunday morning the telephone rang in the police station. The call was from the Travis Motor Company located at Ninth and Clay. "A car has passed this place four times with the driver giving us the once over. He had an Illinois license the first time, now he's got an Iowa license. I think he's planning a stickup," said the voice on the telephone.

The police got busy at once and sent two patrolmen to guard the all-night station. The officers hid behind the grease rack, awaiting the prospective robber.

The car arrived in due time, and the driver asked for gasoline and had his car filled by the attendant who had called the police. Then the man followed the attendant into the station and took out his purse apparently to pay for the gasoline. Instead, he pulled out a revolver, jerked it into the attendant's ribs, and took \$15 out of the cash register. He walked out of the station in a manner and drove away.

While he was in the station, the policeman on the beat approached, but the two patrolmen hiding behind the grease rack nudged themselves molting him away. They didn't want him to scare the robber.

The robber's freedom lasted only a short time, tho, because the police broadcast an alarm and once and the robber was captured at Wentzville a short time later and admitted the robbery.

Bierbaum School District
Miss Lillian Kunze and brother of Hopeville visited Tuesday at the home of Frank Schroer.

Rudolph Meyer and family and George Humphrey and family of St. Louis visited Saturday and Sunday with Mrs. Annie Stuerman and family.

Mrs. Benj. Luecke Jr. of near Hopeville spent some time with her folks Mrs. and Mrs. Florence Hasenjaeger.

Miss Lillian Becker of near Hopeville accompanied Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hodel of Treloar to St. Louis Monday.

A number from this community attended the program at the Smith Creek school Monday evening and enjoyed it very much.

Mr. and Mrs. Gus Kienker Have Gold-n Wedding

That rare anniversary of married life, the Golden Wedding, was privileged to Mr. and Mrs. Gus Kienker Sunday, December 16, and in celebration of the happy event a large number of relatives and friends were present. The sister, brothers, cousins and families were all present. The children are Mrs. August (niece), of Treloar; Walter Kienker, St. Louis, and Mrs. G. B. Meyer, of Marthasville.

Mr. and Mrs. Kienker are native-born citizens of Warren County and since their marriage have lived on the Kienker home place near Holstein. Mrs. Kienker was Miss Josephine Rogge before her marriage. Their marriage was performed by Rev. A. Schroeder of New Haven. Mr. Kienker is 80 years old and Mrs. Kienker is 62, and they have been blessed with good health.

The many friends of Mr. and Mrs. Kienker wish them many more years of happy married life.

St. Paul's Ev. and Ref. Church F. C. Allrich, Pastor

Dec. 22-10:00 a.m. Divine worship; topic: "The Inn." 1:30 p.m., Sunday School. Everyone please try to be on hand for rehearsal. This will be our last practice before Christmas.

Dec. 25-10:00 a.m. Christmas Day service. Holy Communion will be served during this service. 7 p.m. Sunday School program. Two pageants will be presented: "Finding the Christmas Secret," and "Lasting Glory." You are invited to participate in these services.

LOCAL NEWS ITEMS

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Nieder of Dutzow were in town Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Godfrey Risko of Washington visited with relatives in Marthasville Sunday.

Mrs. Emma Roloff and son Forrest moved into town this week.

Eugene Riskamp of near Dutzow was in town on business Thursday.

When Pere Noel Comes to France
A French Christmas is a children's Christmas. The French Santa, "Pere Noel," comes on Christmas eve with gifts to pack into empty shoes. In southern France the burning of the Yule log is a ceremony when wine is poured over it as it blazes in the hearth.

SOCIAL
St. Ignatius Parish
Concord Hill, Mo.
December 25, 1940
Music by
Washington SWING KINGS
We invite you!

Legends Tell Story Of Christmas Tree

Christmas trees are as old as Christmas itself, if the story which has come down to us from the first Yuletide is true.

The legend relates that after the Three Wise Men and the shepherds who had heard the angels sing "Peace on earth and good will to men" had worshiped Mary's babe, trees began coming to Bethlehem to worship the Holy Child; trees from all parts of the world.

First came the native palms from around Bethlehem, then came the myrtle, oak, cypress in a tiny fir tree from the frozen North. It was so small and modest that none paid any attention to it until suddenly a star dropped from the skies and twinkled on a bough of the little tree, then another and another, until the fir tree was lit with celestial lights.

Reverend Men is Old.
Many more stories are told about the Christmas tree. The idea of decorating trees for festivals is very old, going back to the Egyptian pharaohs, whose people dressed their homes with palm leaves in mid-winter.

Another story is about Wanfried, an English crusader who happened upon a group of Teutons worshipping a mighty oak in honor of their thunder god. Wanfried stopped them from sacrificing a young boy to appease Thor's "anger," then with his great sword felled the oak with one stroke. In its place there suddenly appeared a young fir with a star twinkling on its top branch.

"Here," said the Christian knight, "is the living tree. This shall be the sign of your new worship. Carry this fir tree into your home and worship it there."

Origin of Tree.
Some historians say the Christmas tree originated in Alsace in 1600 when the people brought fir trees to their homes and decorated them with paper roses, apples and wafers.

America's first Christmas tree was set up in Wooster, Ohio, in 1847, by August Bremer, a German immigrant. The first lighted tree in a church was a Cleveland Lutheran church in 1853.

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WASHINGTON, MISSOURI
DECEMBER 25, 1940
Music from 8:30 to 12:30
By SUNNYSIDE SERENADERS
Lunch and Refreshments
Sponsored by Knights of Columbus
Admission: 50c per person
Wind up this "Night-of-Nights" with the Knights.

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Illustration of a pocketbook and various items