



WRANGLER drags uncooperative burro up unrelenting hill towards finish line in Big Bear, during last year's national wild burro race.

Pioneertown to Big Bear Route To Be Used in Wild Burro Race

PIONEERTOWN — Modern communication systems will take a back seat to the carrier pigeon this week during the twelfth annual national wild burro race, to be held Thursday, Friday and Saturday between Pioneertown and Big Bear Lake, a distance of some 40 miles.

Because of the rugged terrain to be covered by the wranglers and their wild charges, over 150 carrier pigeons will

be available to carry information on the progress of the race, according to John Hamilton, retired rancher of the area, who will furnish the pigeons.

Hamilton, who is president of the Pioneertown Equestrian Trails Association, said "this not only marks the first time this annual event has originated in Pioneertown, but it also will be the first time that carrier pigeons will be used to carry information back to the starting line.

The wild burro race, which climaxes two weeks of festivities for the two towns, jointly celebrating "Old Miners Days," will get underway at 9 a.m. Thursday at the O.K. Corral in Pioneertown. The wranglers must push, pull, tug, cajole, berate or tease 85 unbroken, untamed, wild burros down the hill from Pioneertown to Yucca Valley, a drop of some 700 feet, and across the desert following the 29 Palms Highway east to Old Woman Springs Road, then north to the Flamingo grocery store.

Because of the added distance of the race this year, due to the start in Pioneertown, the burros will be trucked from Flamingo into Lucerne Valley for the arduous, two-day, 35-mile trek up the mountain to Big Bear.

The race will be in three legs, and each daily winner will receive 25 dollars, with 15 dollars going to second, and 10 dollars to third place.

Each wrangler who completes the race in Big Bear will receive \$10 a day for the three day race, with the overall winner receiving \$500 dollars. Second and third place finishers will be awarded \$200 and \$100.

Oil, Gas Bids Being Sought On BLM Land

Three widely separated parcels of federal land totaling 275 acres are currently being offered for oil and gas leasing through the Riverside office of the Bureau of Land Management.

Hall H. McClain, manager of the Riverside office, said that these parcels lie on known oil producing geologic structures, and that under BLM regulations, such lands must be offered to the qualified bidder submitting the highest cash bid as a bonus for the privilege of leasing the lands.

The largest of the parcels, containing 195 acres, is in the Prado Dam Flood Control Area, 4 miles west of Corona. The other two parcels, containing 40 acres each, lie 8 miles northwest of Ventura along Highway 101, and 3 miles south of Maricopa in Devil's Gulch, respectively.

Bidding for these parcels is accomplished by sealed bids to be received by 2 p.m. PDST, August 25, at which time they will be opened.

Land descriptions, bid forms and other details of the offer are available from the Riverside District and Land Office, 1414 8th Street, P.O. Box 723, Riverside, California, 92502.

HOW MEDICARE WORKS - IV

Social Security Benefits Increased

Medicare IV Your New Social Security Check

(EDITOR'S NOTE: This is the fourth in a series of dispatches explaining provisions of the new medicare-Social Security legislation. It reports on the increase in retirement benefits and other changes in social security programs.)

By JOSEPH D. HUTNYAN
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WASHINGTON (UPI) — The nation's Social Security system has been remodeled to provide higher benefits for more persons.

Virtually every family in the nation will be affected one way or another.

All of the 20 million persons receiving Social Security will get bigger monthly benefit checks.

Those collecting retirement benefits will be allowed to earn more outside income and still receive a pension.

Widows, children of deceased workers and the disabled will find it easier to get into the program.

Self-employed physicians will be brought under Social Security for the first time. Members of the Amish religious sect will be allowed to get out.

Up Payroll Taxes
These and other expansions in Social Security will be financed by hiking payroll taxes levied on 76 million American workers and their employers.

All are part of the multi-billion dollar bundle of welfare benefits just enacted. The same law also broadens the Social Security program to provide hospital insurance for persons 65 years of age and over.

The first tangible evidence of the new benefits probably will show up in the mailboxes of Social Security beneficiaries in about two months.

Bonanza Gets On Pacific Stock List

The 1,488,695 common shares of Bonanza Air Lines, Inc., began trading today on the Pacific Coast Stock Exchange. The ticker symbol is BON. The issue was simultaneously listed with the American Stock Exchange.

Presently headquartered in Las Vegas, the company will move to Phoenix late this year.

Last year, with its all-propjet F-27 fleet, Bonanza carried 620,497 revenue passengers and flew 160,653,000 revenue passenger miles. It had earnings of \$677,166 on total revenues of \$14,085,468 in 1964. It has approximately 6,250 share holders.

Serving 19 cities in the Southwestern United States, the airline inaugurated scheduled operations between Las Vegas and Reno in 1946.

Founder Edmund Converse is board chairman and president. In December, the airline will take delivery on the first of three Douglas DC-9 fanjets.

If the Civil Aeronautics Board approves any of the various route authorizations now pending, Bonanza could exercise one or more of its options for purchase of additional DC-9s. The airline, however, believes its expected traffic increase may, in itself, justify the purchase of additional aircraft.

Within the airline industry, the company is known for its promotional efforts to stimulate air travel among people who've never flown before.

A sidelight of this objective is the carrier's Bonanzaland tour plan which has now culminated in the "Visit U.S.A." program whereby foreign nationals can travel throughout the United States on a low cost package via 12 of the local service airlines.

Last year Bonanza opened a sales office in Tokyo, even though it has no international operations, to encourage air travel in the Southwestern U.S. Bonanza was the first local service airline to secure underwriting and public sales of a major common stock issue in June, 1958.

Utility Center

PITTSBURGH, Pa. (UPI)—Westinghouse Electric Corporation has developed a Home Utility Center that combines the functions of home heating, cooling, dehumidification, electronic air cleaning, air circulation and hot water — all in a pre-engineered, pre-wired and pretested box that occupies just nine square feet of floor space.



The new law raises all Social Security payments by 7 per cent, retroactive to last January 1.

The plan is to send the "back payment" checks out by the middle of September.

First Hike Since 1959

The hike in Social Security cash benefits — the first since 1959 — averages out to a \$4 a month increase for a majority of recipients.

Previously, a retired worker who began to draw benefits at 65 received anywhere from \$40 a month to \$127 a month, depending on his average earnings under Social Security.

Under the new law, this range immediately goes from a low of \$44 a month to a high of \$135.90.

Workers retiring in the future will get even more. This is because the law increases the amount of a person's annual earnings which can be used in calculating his benefit.

This means that a worker retiring 36 years from now with average earnings of \$550 a month would be entitled to a maximum monthly pension of \$168.

Raises Earnings Ceiling

The new law also raised the amount a pensioner can make working part-time. Under the old law, the Social Security retiree was permitted to earn \$1,200 a year in outside income without any reduction in his pension. When his outside earnings went above \$1,200, his retirement check was reduced by \$1 for every \$2 earned, up to \$1,700.

After \$1,700, he had to give up one dollar of his retirement benefit for each dollar earned.

The new law permits the pensioner to make \$1,500 a year (instead of \$1,200) without any loss of benefits. Between \$1,500 and \$2,700, he forfeits \$1 of retirement for each \$2 earned. Everything after \$2,700 gets docked on a dollar for dollar basis.

The Social Security Administration estimates that a person drawing a pension of \$50 a month could earn \$2,050 outside income under the old formula before his pension was completely forfeited.

Under the more liberal formula, this goes up to \$2,700.

Widows and children also get a break under the new Social Security amendments.

Earlier Benefits
Under the old law, the widow of a worker could not collect benefits until she reached 62 years of age. Now, she is permitted to receive benefits at age 60. However, her check will be less than if she had waited until age 62.

The benefit for widows retiring early is reduced because payments are made over a longer period.

Survivors' benefits for children also are liberalized. Previously, the child of a deceased worker was paid benefits only until he reached 18. Under the new law, he will continue getting benefits until age 22 provided he is in school. This benefit also will be retroactive to Jan. 1.

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ow, and \$17.50 a month for a worker's wife.

Tip income — Waiters, bellmen and other service workers must pay tax on their tips. In the past, tips were not included as income in figuring the size of a worker's pension. Under the new law, tips will be counted as income in calculating pensions. The idea is to make such workers eligible for higher retirement benefits by increasing their base income. About a million service workers will be affected.

Physicians — The law applies Social Security coverage to about 170,000 self-employed doctors of medicine, beginning in the 1965 tax year. This would add to the system the last significant profession still outside its coverage. Medical and dental interns also would be covered starting Jan. 1, 1966.

Disability—Under the old law, benefits were paid only to a worker whose disability was expected to continue indefinitely or result in death. Under the new bill, the worker is eligible for benefits if it is medically determined that his disability will continue at least 12 months.

with benefits beginning after the seventh month of disability. The provision is expected to affect about 60,000 additional workers.

Other changes — The definition of blindness under Social Security disability programs was liberalized to permit more persons to qualify. A retired worker who becomes eligible for a higher pension will get it automatically without applying for it. The divorced wife of a retired, disabled or deceased worker will become entitled to wife's or widow's benefits at age 62 provided certain other conditions are met. The Social Security system would be reopened to employees of states and municipalities. Attorneys successfully representing Social Security claimants in court would have their fees limited to 25 per cent of the awarded benefits.

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Side-View Photos Due On Minors Licenses

California drivers' licenses will soon appear with two kinds of photographs.

Minors under 21 years old will be issued licenses with profile, or sideview photographs. Adult drivers will still receive the customary license with a front-view photo.

The new license photos will permit quick identification of minors by a look at the driver's license, and will effectively prevent alteration of age on a license.

First "profile" photos will be taken after September 17, the effective date of the 1965 law directing DMV to issue such licenses to minors.

Director Tom Bright pointed out that it will be several years before all minors hold the side-view licenses, because those now held by minors will be good until their normal expiration dates.

"A profile photograph on a license will be a sure indication that the person is un-

der 21 years of age," Bright said, "but it will be some time before a license with a full-face view will indicate with certainty that a driver is over 21 years of age."

Other 1965 legislation was passed to require driver license applicants, beginning September 17, to furnish proof of their age. Such evidence should be a birth certificate, baptismal document, or transcript of other official records acceptable by DMV.

The DMV chief said that a minor holding a license showing the profile photo may apply for an adult's license with full-face photo immediately upon reaching his 21st birthday. The state will issue such a replacement license on payment of a \$1 duplicate fee.

Similarly, in cases where the present holder of a license with full-face photo applies for a minor's profile license, the change will be made on payment of the \$1 fee for a duplicate license.

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