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HEADED FOR A LET-DOWN? An Editorial

Despite its enormous cost—estimated at anywhere from \$1.5 billion to \$3 billion annually in the early years—the Medicare plan under Social Security could prove a keen disappointment to the very elderly people it is supposed to help.

The authority for that statement is Rep. Wilbur D. Hills, chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee, which has primary jurisdiction over legislation of the type in question. He has pointed out that the provisions of the plan have been exaggerated to the point where the benefits are wrongfully pictured.

"Contrary to the widespread assumption on the part of many elderly people" said Chairman Hills, "the bill does not cover such items as doctors' visits to the home, visits to doctors' offices, surgical devices, drugs which many elderly people require, private nursing service except when the patient has come out of a hospital and goes to a hospital-affiliated nursing home."

The heavy volume of mail he has received, the Congressman added, indicates that many elderly people mistakenly believe that Medicare will take care of all their hospital and medical requirements.

"This simply is not true," he said. "Unfortunately, 'Medicare under Social Security' has become an all-embracing slogan which in my opinion has not advanced the cause of those who need it."

It seems to us that the evident confusion over the extent of the benefits provides another good reason why both houses of Congress should carefully examine every facet of the Medicare proposal before taking action that would impose added burdens on taxpayers and yet disappoint the elderly.

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50 YEARS AGO

Feb. 5, 1915

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Clyde Ehret has resigned the pastorate of the Andover S. D. Baptist Church and accepted the Pastorate of the Adams Center Church.

Rev. H. D. Bacon of Portville was greeting Andover friends Saturday.

Mrs. E. A. Richardson and son, Max of Waldon, N. Y., have been visiting Andover relatives and friends the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Lynch are the parents of a daughter, born February 4th.

Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Robinson have been at Oswego this week delegates for the Andover Grange to the State Grange.

Mr. and Mrs. George Crandall and sons arrived in Andover Sunday from Kansas and are establishing a home here.

Mgr. E. C. Langworthy and operators Misses Mary Driscoll and Anna Gallagher were in Wellsville Friday attending a Telephone Meeting at the office of the Federal Telephone Company.

40 YEARS AGO

Feb. 6, 1925

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Elmer Kaple has been appointed enumerator of the U. S. Census of Agriculture for the Town of Andover.

The heavy snow of last Thursday has completely tied up all traffic on the County Roads. The Mail Men being unable to make their routes since the storm.

Miss Emma Folsing attended a Teachers Conference in Painted Post last week.

Mrs. Leo Snyder returned Saturday from a two weeks visit with relatives and friends in Philadelphia.

A. L. Rogers is in Saratoga Springs this week delegate for the local Grange to the State Grange Meeting.

Mrs. Libbie Packard and grandson, who have been in Andover for the past two years with her sister, Mrs. Clara Crandall, left Friday evening for their home in Hot Springs, South Dakota.

Editor J. Harvey Backus is in Syracuse this week attending a meeting of the Legislative Committee of the State Press Association.

Mrs. M. Dawson was in Hornell Thursday to visit her sister, Miss Julia Lynch at the St. James Mercy Hospital. Miss Lynch is suffering from a fractured shoulder sustained in a fall.

30 YEARS AGO

Feb. 8, 1935

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Fire of undetermined origin destroyed the Lamphier home in Lamphier Valley Saturday night. According to family records the house was the first one built in the Valley and was 118 years old.

Miss Mary Monica Lynch is home from Maryhurst College to spend the mid-semester recess.

Miss Eleanor DeRemer left Friday for Albany where she will take a special course in the extension school.

Mr. and Mrs. Arling R. Baker are leaving this Friday for Florida where they will visit Mr. and Mrs. John Vincent at Winter Park.

Dr. J. H. McGill and Miss Christine Beyer of Buffalo passed the week-end at the home of his brother, Mr. and Mrs. C. B. McGill.

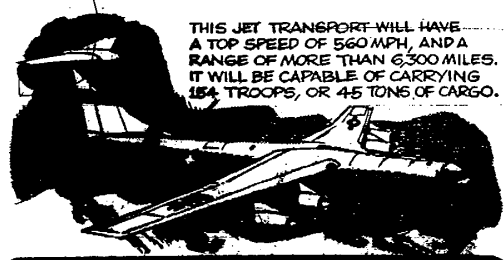
Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Cleveland of Allentown and Mr. and Mrs. Albert Dennison and daughter of Hornell were Sunday guests of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Baker.

Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Lynton spent from Wednesday until Saturday in Buffalo.

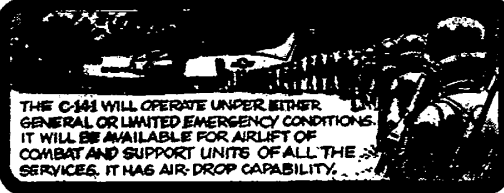
Patrick Casey and two daughters of Hornell were guests of his mother, Mrs. Ellen Casey and sister, Mrs. Mary Driscoll Monday.

C. M. Nottingham attended a Signalmen's Meeting in Jamestown Sunday.

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Conservation Attacks Cut-Back In Resource Funds

The President's budget proposal to cut back federal support for conservation on privately-owned lands of the country was attacked today by the president of the National Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts as a shocking and dangerous reversal of national policy on resource development.

"A 20 percent cut-back in technical assistance and a 40 percent reduction in cost-sharing aid, along with reduced federal support for conservation research programs, would reverse a national policy started 30 years ago and force a severe setback in America's soil conservation and water development efforts," declared Marion S. Monk, Jr., President of the Association and a farmer at Batchelor, La.

"More than 70 percent of the nation's land is in private ownership. This is where the lion's share of the resource work for America's future must be done," Monk added. "The cuts would destroy the momentum built up during the past 30 years by the federal-state-local partnership that has given our country unprecedented conservation know-how and progress."

The Association headed by Monk is composed of 3,000 individual Conservation Districts in 50 states, with two million cooperating landowners, largely farmers and ranchers.

Monk voiced particular opposition to a proposal in the budget that Congress authorize a revolving fund through which Soil and Water Conservation Districts, and individual farmers and ranchers, would make \$20 million in payments to the federal government for scientific and technical assistance provided by the Soil Conservation Service of the Department of Agriculture.

"This proposal by the Bureau of the Budget shows a lack of understanding about the national interest in conservation and the nationwide benefits realized from this work," Monk declared. "Landowners already contribute far more than the government to conservation and development of soil and water resources. The results benefit all Americans... the businessman, housewife, sportsman, consumer and especially the children who will inherit our land... and all these must be listed among the chief beneficiaries."

Under the revolving fund proposal, federal appropriations for "Conservation Operations" of the Soil Conservation Service would be reduced from \$104,223,000 to \$84,103,000 in fiscal year 1966. The \$20,000,000 difference would

be made up by payments into the revolving fund by Districts, farmers, and other landowners.

"The revolving fund proposal, coupled with the recommended cut-back of 40 percent in cost-sharing funds, would result in a decrease of at least 50 percent in the application of conservation practices on the privately-owned lands of America, and would reduce the quality of the practices applied," Monk predicted.

"The revolving fund proposal would reverse a policy of 30 years standing. With the creation of the Soil Conservation Service in 1935, Congress began a policy of providing SCS technical assistance without charge to the private landowners of the country willing to adopt farm-wide conservation programs on their properties. A reversal of this policy is wholly unacceptable to the nation's 3,000 locally organized and operated Soil and Water Conservation Districts," Monk declared.

"It took the dust storms of the Thirties for this nation to realize that all of the people who live in towns and cities depend on our limited supplies of soil and water for their daily requirements of food, water, and a productive countryside. I don't believe that Americans in our towns and cities now expect the farmers and landowners of the country to take on a still larger share of the cost of soil and water conservation."

"I am immediately alerting each of the 15,000 citizens throughout the nation who serve without pay on the governing bodies of local Soil and Water Conservation Districts about the seriousness of the proposed revolving fund and the other cut-backs," Monk said. "It will be the primary issue at our national convention this month."

The 19th annual convention of the National Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts is being held this week in Portland, Oregon.

Change Of Address

Taxpayers who move after filing their Federal tax returns should make sure the postmaster has their new address, John E. Foley, District Director of Internal Revenue said today.

This is particularly important, he said, if there is a refund coming. If you move before you file, list the new address on the return.

Carefully printed or typewritten identification of the taxpayer's name and address are vitally important to prompt processing of the return, Mr. Foley reminded.

"The first state agricultural experiment station was started in 1880 at Geneva."

"The City of Buffalo has 37 miles of waterways, two-thirds of which are navigable."