

# Longevity Bonus Checks In Distribution

Over 3,400 applications for the Longevity Bonus have been approved for January checks. This is almost twice the number anticipated when Senate Bill 211 passed during the last legislative session and set up the program.

More applications will be received during the balance of December, possibly reaching 3,800 total approved. Most applications received in December will be processed for February payment.

The oldest senior citizen to be approved is a 112 year old man. He is followed by a lady of 107 years, two ladies 105 years old, and three 99 year "Old Timers". There are at least seventeen in the 90's and scores in the 80's.

The Longevity Bonus office, staffed for fewer applicants, has been working many overtime hours. "Old Timers" often did not fill out their application forms in sufficient detail for a determination of eligibility to be made, requiring follow-up letters.

Many Senior Citizen's clubs, including the American Association of Retired Persons and the Older Person's Action Group have assisted "Old Timers" to properly fill out their applications.

The large volume of applications, most in good order for approval, could not have been handled without this valuable assistance. It is greatly appreciated.