

CHANGES DO NOT AFFECT OLD-AGE APPLICANTS

Changes in the Social Security Act, liberalizing and extending the old-age and survivors insurance program, in no way affect the status of individuals who are receiving or hope to get aid under

the old-age assistance program. This statement was made this week by Walter B. Redman, manager of the Social Security Board field office in Pontiac. "Recently many persons have visited our office to inquire as to their status under the amended Social Security Act," Mr. Redman said. "Some of these persons were of the opinion that the extension of

old-age insurance to persons over age 65 now means that older citizens can claim monthly benefits under this program without having been employed on jobs covered by this system. This is not true. "In order to qualify for monthly benefits after January 1, 1940, under this Federal insurance program, a person must have worked in employment covered by the old-age and survivors insurance sys-

tem. Old-age assistance, on the other hand, is paid to persons only who have reached age 65 and are in need. The two programs have nothing in common. The extension of the old-age insurance program in no way changes the principle that its monthly benefits are paid as a matter of right to those who have qualified for these payments through employment in jobs covered by this system."

HUNTERS WARNED AGAINST DANGER OF FIRES

High fire risk in Michigan's forests has brought a special appeal to the state's half million small game hunters to be careful when they take to the fields and woods this fall.

Weeks of fine weather have left the woods extremely dry and fallen leaves have so increased the fire hazard that lookouts in fire towers perhaps will be kept at their posts beyond the usual October 15 layoff date, the field administration division of the Michigan department of conservation reported today. Only heavy fall rains will change the situation materially.

To date timber losses from fire have been held to three-tenths of one per cent of the area guarded. Not so good as the 1934 record, when the loss was one-eighth of one per cent, or in 1937, when the loss was even lower, the 1938 fire record to date compares favorably with the best years. A total of 1,057 fires this year have burned over 45,688 acres of the 15,391,835 acres guarded. Of this loss, about two-thirds or more than 30,000 acres was caused by three fires of incendiary origin on the weekend of May 6-8 in Montmorency county.

Besides a timber loss of more than \$183,000 in the three major fires, much valuable muskrat sport was destroyed in the burned over area, game was killed and fish life in the streams affected. In asking hunters to be particularly careful with campfires, matches and tobacco, attention is called to the possible destruction of game and the equally serious loss, for the hunter, of good game cover.

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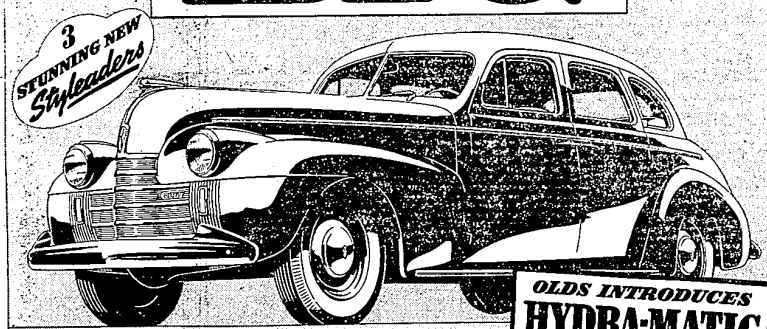


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Lights of New York

By L. L. STEVENSON

Not so long ago, Arthur French played before 50,000 persons. Now he often watches 50,000 persons at play. Back in 1928 he was captain of the Harvard football team and just about singlehandedly defeated Yale in the traditional game. Two days after his graduation, he had a job. Punching tickets at Manhattan beach. Since then, he has done just about every chore, except chef in the kitchen about the resort. Now he is general manager and holds the rank of vice president of Joseph P. Day Enterprises. He married Mr. Day's daughter and lives a happy home life over in Short Hills, N. J. He still keeps up with athletics to a certain extent. Manhattan beach is two miles long. At least 10 times a day, he travels the entire length. Then, too, in his spare time, he invented a football and basketball, one-and-a-half regulation size, to train youngsters for those games when they grow up.

Instead of being stranded, Vaucluse is now stranded. At least it is out at Manhattan beach. To house the week-end performances, which read like the bills of the old Palace, Mr. French has constructed a modern amphitheater with a seating capacity of 10,000. The stage resembles the Hollywood Bowl but is of original design. It has private offices and dressing rooms for the stars and a private sun porch where the artists can enjoy a day at the beach out of reach of autograph hounds. John Philip Sousa, II, grandson of the great bandsman, who opened the old Manhattan beach bandstand, is the band leader and he swings the marches of his famous grandiose. Recently he announced his engagement to Miss Jean MacDonald of Hazleton, Pa.

Getting back to General Manager French, the Harvard star of other days. He has still another connection with athletics. Under his supervision are 42 handball courts, 25 tennis courts, 15 basketball courts, several championship swimming pools and numerous other activities, including bridge classes.

In the opinion of Earl Robinson and Alex North, composers for the Federal theater production, "The Life and Death of an American," it is easier to compose a new song than to find an old one, especially if the latter happened to be a national hit. Among the recordings called for by the script are "Yes, We Have No Bananas," "Missouri Waltz," and "Turkey Trot." In the first music shop visited, Robinson and North encountered a girl of about 18. She had never heard of "Yes, We Have No Bananas," but thought it was a swell title. The composers went out feeling like Rip Van Winkles.

The Columbia university library finally yielded "Yes, We Have No Bananas," but could do nothing about "Turkey Trot" or "Missouri Waltz." From the New York Public library came the sheet music of "Turkey Trot" and when the play opened, a pit orchestra had to be substituted for a gramophone. The grandmother of a member of the cast donated the "Missouri Waltz" record. Then it was learned that there was no "Over There" record. A long search disclosed one at the bottom of a pile of old records in a Ninth avenue second-hand furniture store.

In the old days, it used to be the cellar. Then it was the basement. Now, according to what I was told at the Court of Flame at the World's fair, it is the "Rumpus Room." It seems that the "Rumpus Room" is a place where you can have a lot of fun and make a lot of noise. The one at the fair has just about everything in the way of athletic apparatus except a bowling alley. And there's an easy chair and book table, too. Curiously enough, it's heated with a gas furnace. And there was a time when I was punished by being sent down to the cellar. That wasn't all there was to it, however. When I got down there I had to sort potatoes. (Bell Syndicate—WNU Service.)

Native Goes to Jail To Spite Government

SINGAPORE.—A Dyak, descendant of the former much-feared head-hunters of Borneo, went to jail to spite the government. The Dyak was accused of possessing illicit contraband opium and pleaded guilty. To the court he explained that he had been annoyed with the government for giving him notice to quit his land for nonpayment of taxes that he decided to sell contraband opium in order to get caught and sentenced to prison, where he would live free for a few months.

Paris Opera House Vast

Paris is just learning something of the vastness of its famous opera. P. B. Chene, formerly director of the huge theater, mentions in his recently published book that the building contains 2,500 doors, provides with 8,000 keys, 8,000 staircase steps and 100 miles of electric wires. The hot-air pipes have a total length of three miles. The opera is 1 1/2 times the size of the Odéon, Paris' next largest theater.



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