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Social Security Cases Are Handled In Pontiac Office

Local persons eligible for claims under the Social Security Law are not pleading their cases to the extent that they may, according to information given out this week by Walter B. Redman, manager of the Pontiac Office, serving Oakland and Macomb counties for the federal government. Mr. Redman points out that the average time for payment of claims by his office is only about one-half that required by other federal agencies.

"We are especially desirous of having persons who have reached the age of 65, or the relatives of one deceased at such age, visit us and make claim under the new law," stated Mr. Redman. "It is

not necessary to engage a lawyer to handle this matter. We have a large staff of people in our office, ready to help in filling out papers and other details necessary to receive compensation. There are many people in this area who are entitled to receive benefits under the Social Security Law, and we request that they visit us in Pontiac to learn more of their rights."

WE HEARD IT SAID BY—

Jaka E. Marks, Mayor of Birmingham: "In the matter of installing additional street lights, we have been governed by the recommendations of the City Manager and the Police department. While we admit that economy demands we be careful about expenditures for luxuries, we do feel that requests for more lights, duly submitted by petitioners for same, should be given our best consideration."

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WEST BOOKS RUN TO HIMOR

Season's Loudest Laughs Are Now Available At Library

New acquisitions at the Baldwin Library are largely written for the sole purpose of entertaining. Many of them have received wide attention from the critics, several mark a new epoch in humor or adventure and are the best of the top in their respective fields.

"Imperial City," the first novel of Edgar Rice, has a wider scope than his Pulitzer prize-winning play. In this, the whole city of his province. He presents an astonishing, kaleidoscopic picture of the lives of man and women of all races and creeds, of the highest social circles and the lowest, of the indirectly linked with each other.

"The Education of Hyman Kaplan," by Leonard Q. Ross, is also here. Hyman is, you will recall, a student in the American Night Preparatory School of Adversity, an ardent one. His rendering of the speech from "Mac Beth" (the original of the opposite of new as "saintly") his discovery that "American is the word for the world."

"The Jacket of David Seabury," "The Art of Selfishness" proclaims without qualification: "Are you a slave to duty, convention, drink, insomnia, sex, a job that worries, nerves, enemies, money or loneliness?" This book will set you free.

Whether or not this is absolute fact, the book does contain considerable wisdom; his definition of methods of everything from quarreling to counting sheep. And this wealth of data, so entertainingly presented in chapters which run from the short story through scenario or play form, into concise sets of rules and instructions.

"Son of a noted doctor, James Thomas Flexner has spent his whole life in the most exacting of medical professions. It has always been assumed that he would be a doctor also, but his major industry and exceptional powers have always been directed to the field of letters. In "Doctors on the Back," his first book, Flexner has successfully combined the two fields.

Hector Chevigny's new book is called "Lost Empire, the life and adventures of Nikolai Petrovich." Here is a strange man; his sure, ruthless efficiency contrasting so strangely with his heritage. His is a strange life; a record of intrigue, running swiftly from Catherine the Great's love-ridden court to turbulent Chinese markets, from success to deep humiliation. And it has a strange background; from the starvation and brutal brutality of the Russian settlement at Sitka to the quiet peace of Spanish California.

Every foreign visitor here feels qualified to tell the truth about America. And now Donald Mott, a ready contributor to the New Yorker and Atlantic Monthly, has returned the compliment with his "The Mott Family in France." Mr. Mott tells what he and his wife think about French schools and French restaurants; about a French thrift and French officials, French firemen and French wedding. And in an intimate way, Polly Tucker, Merchant," is a chance to go behind scenes in the everyday life of a big department store. To give the story reality and drama, Sara Penney, the author, has enjoyed just such a varied career as her heroine. From a counter girl she became the advertising manager of Jay Thorpe, then promotion director of Harper's Bazaar and finally fashion promotion director of Bonwit Teller.

Also recently purchased, but briefly noted through lack of space of "The Romance of Bond Ridge," another folk tale by McKinlay Kantor; "Maidcraft, a guide for the one-minded household," by Lita Price and Harriet Bonnet, and "The Official Who's Who in Michigan."

Marine—Where's the funny paper?
The—Today ain't Sunday; I told you not to take that bath last night.

Postmaster Byrne Travels 7,000 Miles Through 17 States to Attend Convention

After driving 7,000 miles through 17 states and Mexico, Postmaster Joseph A. Byrne and Mrs. Byrne have again returned to their home again in Birmingham. Theirs was a journey that took them into some of the most picturesque sections of the country and brought them into contact with American neighbors of the far west and south.

Mr. and Mrs. Byrne left home on Southfield road October 10, for a month's vacation and with another object in view. Postmaster Byrne was to attend the annual convention of the National Association of Postmasters of America in San Francisco. The remainder of the time was to be spent in the pleasant occupation of sight-seeing.

But the most interesting way to hear about a trip is from the one who takes it and can relate his experiences and describe places he visited, in his own way. So we present Postmaster Byrne:

"Some parts of the long journey stand out more vividly than others, in thinking about it now. Although we took many pictures to try to capture some of the beauty of the West, they are not as vivid in the mind's eye, as the set in the mountains, and all the things we saw in the forests and canyons we traveled through."

"I like to think particularly of the trip from Cheyenne, Wyo., down to Laramie, and from Laramie through the Utah Canyon to the Grand Canyon. The scenery and colorful beauty, it stands out as one of the most memorable parts of the journey."

"We drove 531 miles across the desert, and in this respect I want to say that we took no pictures of lack of gas or water. The general impression that filling stations are few and far between is wrong. We crossed the Painted Desert of Arizona, and drove through the Petrified Forest National Park."

"No trip west would be complete without a visit to Reno, Nevada, from the diverse business; its principle industry is gambling. I couldn't help noticing a sign in the heart of the town which had the end of the Trail. We arrived two days before the convention."

SYMPHONY WORKS ON THIRD CONCERT

Gieseking Is Soloist In First North American Tour In 3 Years

Two first performances in Detroit and the appearance of Walter Gieseking, renowned pianist, as soloist will mark the high points of the third subscription concert to be played in Orchestra Hall Thursday night, Nov. 25, by the Detroit Symphony Orchestra. Franco Ghione, whose artistry already has attracted the attention of the musical nation, will conduct.

It has been three years since Gieseking last visited North America. He is universally known not only as a giant among pianists, but as a mental colossus as well. His feats of memory continue to astound all who come into contact with him. Nor does his reputation grow on an unstable basis. It has risen by word-of-mouth praise from those who have heard him play.

Gieseking will appear twice for the program, playing the Fourth Piano Concerto, in G Major, Op. 58, of Beethoven, during the first half of the concert, and the Symphonic Variations for Piano and Orchestra, of Cesar Franck, during the second half. Ghione will direct the accompaniment.

The orchestra's first performance will be made up of Alfredo Casella's transcription of the immortal violin Chaconne, of Bach, and a three-movement work of the contemporary Italian master, Lisandro Pizzetti, called "Concerti dell'Estate" ("Summer Concerts").

Pizzetti's composition was completed in 1928 and was performed for the first time anywhere, from manuscript, under Arturo Toscanini, by the New York Philharmonic Orchestra the next year. The movements are titled "Morning," "Nocturne" and "Dance and Finale." The work is symphonic in character and reflects the orchestral concerto of the Eighteenth Century.

The concert will be brought to its conclusion with a performance of the ever-stirring Prelude and the first movement of Wagner's "Tristan and Isolde." This work is probably one of the greatest in the literature of symphonic music, one that seldom fails to leave a deep and lasting impression.

WE HEARD IT SAID BY—

Ramon Mercado, Spanish teacher in Baldwin High school: "I believe that the English and Spanish speaking nations are destined to bring forth new literature and music, as they develop more closely together. Rapidly the South American countries are feeling a closer bond of friendship and understanding with the Anglo-Saxon race."

SPEAKER ASKS STATE CHANGE

Detroit Attorney Advocates New System To Replace Present Set-Up

Advocating a unicameral form of state government in place of the present one, Verne C. Amberson, Detroit attorney and former State Senator, addressed the Birmingham Exchange Club Tuesday noon. Mr. Amberson's subject was "Legislators in the State of Michigan."

The system advocated by Mr. Amberson provides for a single legislature to replace the two existing legislative bodies, the State Senate and House. This commission, to consist of 15 or 16 members, would elect a governor from its own number. Mr. Amberson explained. The idea is not new to Michigan, he pointed out, as he was responsible for drafting a bill advocating a commission form of state legislation in 1913. The plan was seriously considered at that time, he said. It is now being tried in the State of Nebraska.

In favor of the unicameral commission system, as opposed to the present bicameral form of government, are efficiency and economy, the speaker told the club.

In place of the 109 State Representatives and 32 State Senators of which the Legislature is composed, Mr. Amberson pointed out, the system he advocated would place legislation in the hands of a select group, chosen by the people for reason of their ability.

"By delegating a small group to represent them in enacting legislation, the people of Michigan would be in position to select individuals particularly fitted for the work, Mr. Amberson, declared.

Salaries To Match Ability

"Members of the commission would be paid, under the new plan, salaries commensurate with their ability, say, for instance, \$10,000 a year. This system would do away with the 132 members of the Legislature and the many small appointive offices connected with the present set-up."

A commission form of government composed of able and experienced individuals, would be in position to offer the State a more carefully studied and intelligent legislative program, Mr. Amberson pointed out.

"After personal contact with our Legislature, I am firmly convinced that some form of reformation is necessary, and strongly urge the commission form," the speaker declared.


Mr. Amberson cited as examples other cities using the commission plan with success. The speaker was

"We spent a day at the Grand Canyon, and in Grand Canyon Park we found a sign that said 'tame deer, who ate out of one's hand like a pet dog. Our trip included the states of New Mexico, Texas, then across to Louisiana, up through Alabama and Georgia, where we visited the Warm Springs made famous by President Roosevelt."

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School Aid Average Is \$11.39 Per Child

Lansing, Nov. 11.—Primary school aid in Michigan this year will amount to \$11.39 per child, Dr. Eugene H. Elliott, state superintendent of public instruction, has disclosed. The total fund now being distributed is \$18,931,252, or \$93,352 more than the legislature took into consideration when school appropriations were allocated.

The legislature fixed the primary fund at a minimum of \$15,000,000, but appropriated a total of \$28,000,000 to be given out to districts by state aid money. Governor Murphy cut 10 per cent of the \$28,000,000 figure, or an amount of \$2,800,000. With the primary money running nearly one million dollars more than was anticipated, the total money given to schools by the state will be about 6 per cent less than originally planned, instead of 10 per cent. More than \$10,000,000 in primary money has been distributed so far.

Destroy Old License Plates, State Asks

Leon P. Case, Secretary of State, has asked all persons to destroy their 1937 motor vehicle license plates when purchasing new ones for 1938. Motorists, it is pointed out, sometimes unwittingly lend aid to criminals who could equip cars with discarded but undestroyed 1937 plates, to avoid identification of their cars.

Case has instructed managers of branch offices of the Department of State to accept 1937 license plates turned in when 1938 licenses are purchased. Such plates will be destroyed, as a measure of cooperation with police officials throughout Michigan.

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