

Arseneau Heads Local Security

The federal Social Security Board has opened an office at Las Vegas to administer the old age insurance system of the social security act in Clark, Esmeralda, Nye and Lincoln counties.

Alfred O. Arseneau, acting manager of the new office, located in the Beckley building, First and Fremont streets, states that all employers in retailing, wholesaling, manufacturing, mining or a service business are subject to the old-age insurance system if they hire one or more persons under 65 years of age on a permanent, temporary or part-time basis.

The main objective of the governments old-age insurance system is to provide a monthly retirement income at age 65 to qualified workers. If a worker dies before 65, his estate receives a lump-sum settlement amounting to 3½ per cent of wages earned at covered employments between January 1, 1937 and date of death.

The Las Vegas office, said Arseneau, is prepared to execute the claim for the family of any worker in Clark county who died this year providing the worker was employed at a covered occupation between January 1, 1937 and date of death. A similar settlement is made with a worker attaining age 65 this year providing he worked at a covered employment between January 1, 1937 and his 65th birthday.

Booklets explaining the old-age insurance system are available at the Las Vegas office without charge.

PAST MATRONS' DINNER

The Past Matrons O. E. S. gathered at the Methodist church parlor last Friday evening for their Christmas party.

They were seated at a large table, beautifully decorated with tiny Christmas trees and lighted tapers and many mysterious packages artistically wrapped in cellophane, by the hostesses, Mesdames Earl Davidson and Frank Newlin.

After enjoying the delicious dinner the guests were allowed to open their packages and a happy hour was spent.

At the business meeting the officers for the coming year were chosen. Mrs. W. B. Mundy, president; Mrs. Trimble of Boulder City, vice president; Mrs. Marjorie Pycatt, secretary, and Mrs. Fauna Finney of Boulder City, treasurer.

The following guests were present: Mesdames Newlin, Davidson, Harris, Kurtz, Mundy, Van Eaton, Trimble, Peiffer, Wyatt, Gibson, Finney, Park, White, Pycatt, Hewetson, Scott, Dutton, Ullom, Ewing, Snyder, Vaughn, Cahlan, Dion, Pestole and Squires.

STRICTER DRIVERS' TESTS IN COLORADO

Colorado car owners who are involved in accidents hereafter will be forced to take a new driver's examination, according to the Automobile Club of Southern California. Examinations for new licenses have become stricter and failures to pass tests have risen to 12 per cent as compared to less than one per cent previously.

Costs A Nickel To Save A Duck

NEW YORK — "Five cents a duck." This is the estimate of the cost of saving wildfowl infected by botulinus poisoning on western lakes.

Fred Jordan, director of National Wildlife Week, points out that the mass destruction of ducks and other birds in periodic outbreaks of the plague is now preventable.

"The Bureau of Biological Survey has discovered precisely how the toxin of botulinus is communicated," said Jordan. "Duck ambulances and duck hospitals can bring about the recovery of nearly 90 per cent of the birds affected. The cost is about 5 cents a bird and there have been times when between 25,000 and 50,000 birds could have been salvaged on the Great Bear marshes in Utah.

"The plague strikes without warning, in late summer. It is the water. Frightening the birds from infected grounds is about the only method of prevention."

MISS BUCK VISITS DENVER

Miss Dalton Buck has gone to Denver where she will visit relatives during the holidays.

ART HAM HOME

Art Ham, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Ham, has arrived home from Reno where he is a student at the University of Nevada.

DISTINGUISHED HOTEL WOMAN VISITS IN VALLEY

One of the outstanding hotel managers of southern California, Mrs. Nellie Coffman, owner and operator of the Desert Inn, Palm Springs together with her two sisters and brother-in-law, stopped for lunch at Hotel Amargosa, last Wednesday, at Death Valley Junction, and to visit with their friends, Mr. and Mrs. H. P. Gower. Mrs. Coffman is truly a pioneer, not only in desert life and accomplishment, but has become one of the most noted hotel women in the southwest. She traveled over the old, unpaved, corduroy roads—not exactly by ox-team, but did make the trip many times between the Los Angeles district and Palm Springs in a buck-board, long before the automobile became practical and popular. She was the moving spirit in building up the Desert Inn, and she and her sons now operate the famous resort. Mrs. Coffman and her relatives registered for the night at Furnace Creek Inn. She stated that she attended the ball in Hotel Amargosa at its "opening" around 14 years ago.

LARGEST BIRD SCARCE

NEW YORK — The California condor, largest bird on this continent, has been reduced to a total of about 45 specimens, rigidly protected by federal authority and the state of California.

"Half a dozen species of birds have become extinct in this country" said Fred Jordan, director of "and for this spectacular and National Wildlife Restoration Week, harmless bird to vanish would be highly unfortunate."

TAXEATERS AND TAXPAYERS

As the New York Times observes, our ancestors would probably have thrown up their hands in horror if they could have foreseen the state of affairs suggested by a survey of public employment recently released by the Civil Service Assembly.

In 1936 wages and salaries for all employes of government, excluding those on work relief, came to \$5,145,873,000—which works out to \$160 for each American family of four. As the Times also says, "if the extraordinary figures for relief were added to this normal total, the figures would be fairly astronomical."

When conditions reach a point where the average American family must kick in with \$160 a year to pay the salaries of "normal" government employes, the day doesn't seem far off when the taxeaters will exceed in number the taxpayers.

CHURCHES

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE SOCIETY

316 South Fourth street, across from grammar school, is a branch of The Mother Church, The First Church of Christ, Scientist, Boston, Massachusetts. Meets every Sunday at 11 a. m. Sunday school at 9:30 a. m. and Wednesday evening at 8:00

Christian Science reading room, 112 North Third street, open week days, except holidays, from 1:15 p. m. until 4 p. m. Evenings, except Wednesdays, from 7 until 9 o'clock.

"Christian Science" will be the subject of the Lesson-Sermon in all churches of Christ, Scientist, Sunday, December 26, 1937.

The Golden Text is from Isaiah 55:1, "Ho, every one that thirsteth come ye to the waters, and he that hath no money; come ye, buy, and eat; yea, come, buy wine and milk without money and without price."

The Lesson-Sermon includes the Bible passage, "And heard a great voice out of heaven saying, 'Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, and be their God.'" (Rev. 21:3.)

Also the correlative from the Christian Science textbook, "Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures" by Mary Baker Eddy, "All who are saved must walk in this light." (p. 577).

TWO SONS HOME

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Rapoport are enjoying a visit with their sons, George and Bobbie, who are to spend their Christmas vacation in Las Vegas.

THE GREATER DANGER

The danger most to be feared is not invasion by ruinous armies but invasion by ruinous ideas.—Buffalo News.

The Japanese general who is sending his armies further and further into China ought to remember what happened to Napoleon when he got to Moscow.

The President is going into the question of what is causing higher prices. One reason of course is restricting production so that things cost more.

Masons Install Their Officers

Grand Master Merwyn H. Brown honored Las Vegas No. 32 and Boulder City Lodge No. 37 by coming here from his home in Winnemucca to install the elective and appointive of the two lodges at a joint ceremony in the Boulder City Masonic Temple Tuesday evening.

There were more than eighty Masons of the two lodges present at the event. Grand Master Brown acted as installing officer and Past Grand Master Wm. S. Park acting as Grand Marshal, presented the officers for installation.

A pleasing feature of the event was the presentation of a beautiful Masonic charm to Past Master Voss of the Boulder City Lodge by his bretheren in appreciation of his work as Master the past year. Brother R. E. Middough made the presentation address.

The new officers of Boulder City Lodge are:

O. T. Edgell, W. M.
Albert E. Hamilton, S. W.
Theodore W. Grover, J. W.
Charles D. Wyatt, Treasurer
Wm. H. Price, Secretary
Huston I. Wheeler, S. D.
John G. Hanson, J. D.
Wm. L. Root and Chas. F. Noble, Stewards

Peter N. Cole, Marshal
Ralph G. Hanson, Tiler
D. H. Pickett, Chaplain
Officers of Las Vegas Lodge for the coming year are:

S. Gene Parks, W. M.
Leonard S. Sledge, S. W.
L. H. Pritchard, J. W.
Ed Von Tobel, Treasurer
Claude Haff, Secretary
C. D. Breeze, Chaplain
W. E. Fitzgerald, S. D.
S. C. Rassmussen, J. D.
Shirley C. Scott and Hugh McAllister, Stewards
Fred Callahan, Marshal
J. H. Jeter, Tiler

An interesting incident of the evening was the announcement by Grand Master Brown that this was the twenty-ninth time Ed. Von Tobel has been installed as treasurer of Vegas Lodge No. 32.

Following the installation the Grand Master gave the assemblage a most interesting and inspiring talk on the principles of Masonry.

A buffet luncheon was served by the Boulder City hosts following adjournment of the formal meeting and an hour was spent in sociability.

MRS. CAHLAN TO MINNESOTA

Mrs. Marion Cahlan left Saturday for Salt Lake where she spent a day with her niece, Mrs. Leslie Fry. Sunday she left for Minneapolis where she will spend her vacation with her sister, Miss Amy Edmunds.

NEW TEACHER IN LAS VEGAS SCHOOL

Miss Francis Slavin who has been teaching school at Dry Lake has been named to take the place of Miss Evelyn McMahon who has resigned her position in the city schools. Miss Slavin is a graduate of the University of Nevada.

Miss McMahon has left for the coast where she is to be married and make her home.