

## Rising Number Of Workers Nearing 60-Year Mark Spells Expansion Of Pension System

WASHINGTON—(AP)—The government's labor statistics chief says that pensions for everybody seem a sure bet with "the old and the near-old" making up half the nation's voting population.

Ewan Clague, commissioner of labor statistics, said many workers between 40 and 60 are "very properly concerned about their bleak economic future once they become branded as 'too old to work'."

"And these two groups—the old and the near-old—are a very potent force in our society today," Clague said in a speech at the Machinery and Allied Products Institute.

"Between them they now account for half the population of voting age and their relative strength is growing each year."

"Because of their mature years and experience they exert more over a greater than proportionate influence in community affairs and in the councils of labor."

"In a democratic society, responsible to the needs of its citizens, it is almost a truism to state that their voice will be heard, and that their just demands will be met. So much is self-evident."

Life Expectancy Upped  
Clague said medical science has boosted the life expectancy of a white male from 48 years in 1900 to about 66 today.

There are now about 11,000,000 men and women aged 65 or over, or one out of every 13 persons, Clague said. He calculated that 50 years from now, in the year 2000, the number will have in-

creased to 21,500,000, or more than one out of every eight persons.

The problem, he said, has be-

SIoux FALLS, S. D. —(AP)—Major Joe Foss, famous Marine flier in World War II, is planning on a fling in politics, his aim, the governorship of South Dakota.

The 34-year-old Marine ace said he would be a Republican candidate for nomination at the 1950 primary, to be held June 6. Foss, winner of the Congressional Medal for his exploits in

the South Pacific, was the first flier to equal Capt. Eddie Rickenbacker's World War I record of downing 26 enemy planes.

Foss, who operates a flying service at the Sioux Falls airport, is currently commander of the state's Air National Guard, with the rank of lieutenant colonel. He is married and has two small daughters.

for a pension system. Rather, he said, the question is "how best to meet this need."

His personal choice: expanding the present social security program, which is financed on an insurance basis by employers and workers. He said industry pension plans cannot do the job alone, but can properly supplement social security.



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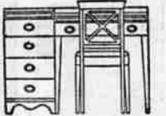


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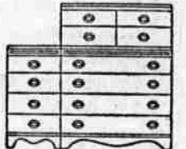
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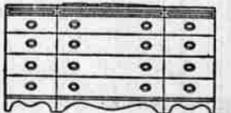
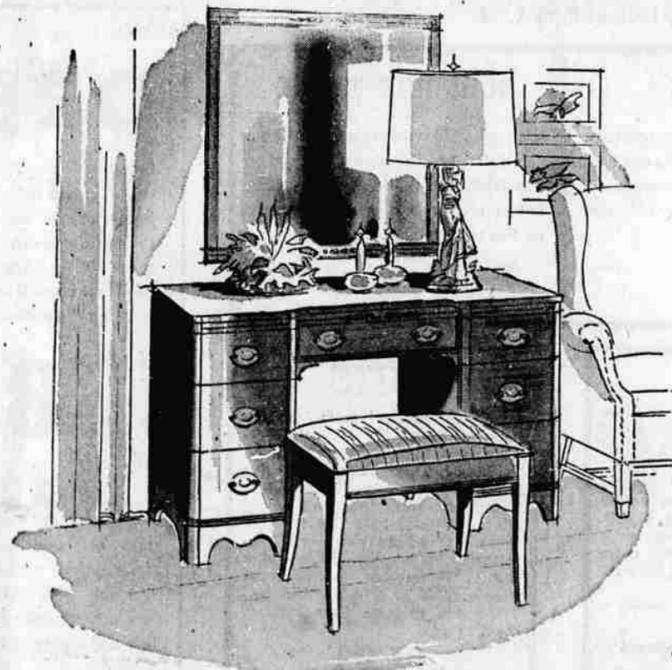
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