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Yesterday I sent a Form 57 to Joe
McCain, whom I have admired for
years as a PR man.

It occurred to me that if his outfit
comes train me as a Client Interviewer, or
whatever the title^{was}, I would be informed to
serve them as a Public Information Officer
when he retires. Could be that his
successor will think writing for the
public is "for the birds", and let this
sparrow help him.

(In Harleyville the Christian church soloist sang
"His eye is on the Sparrow.")

It's Your Program

By Joseph J. McCain
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Where, when, and why? These questions, especially WHERE, are coming up more since we moved to our new location, so I thought today would be a good time to over where, when, and why to apply for your social security benefits and what to bring when you do apply.

Let's take the first one — where. To apply for social security benefits, you should come

to our new address at 24th and North Walker. Our friends at our old address in the Federal Building tell us that many of you are still looking for us downtown. By the way — if you ride the bus — the North Walker bus will let you off at our front door.

Second is — when. Even if you plan to continue working, you should apply 2 or 3 months before you reach 65. Don't wait until your 65th birthday. This application will establish your eligibility for medicare's hospital insurance benefits, and also for your monthly cash benefits if you are eligible. If you want medicare's medical insurance — and over 9 out of 10 older people do — you may get it too.

That is the where and when. Now — why? People who rely solely on information from friends and neighbors about social security are being short-changed because they are paying for more reliable information. Social security is your program and the district office

employees want to see you get your money's worth.

No one, of course, should hesitate to ask for information about his rights and responsibilities under the program.

Another suggestion: Most people come to the social security office to complete their application for benefits, but many are not aware that a telephone call ahead of time asking what to bring with them may save an extra trip — just phone CE 6-2311 and tell the operator you want general information on social security.

The wife of a disabled per-

son writes: My husband had a heart attack two months ago and the doctors have told him he will not be able to work any more.

QUESTION: Does he have to wait until he has been disabled for six months before filing his application for disability benefits?

ANSWER: No, he should file an application now. Although no benefits can be paid for the first six months following the month a person becomes disabled, the application may be filed at any time after the disability begins.

SOCIAL SECURITY

Spanish Jet Lands Safely

SAN JUAN, P. R. (AP) — A Spanish jet airliner with 40 persons aboard made an emergency landing at San Juan International Airport Sunday after developing engine trouble over the Atlantic on a flight to Cuba.

The 30 passengers, none of them injured, were escorted to the U. S. Immigration Office, to wait for the plane to be repaired.

The DC-8 had radioed earlier that one of its four engines was out and it was losing hydraulic pressure.

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