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## A Hat for Every Occasion

President Ford wears many hats in his busy life as a statesman, sportsman, scholar and politician. Here he dons a mortarboard to receive an honorary Doctor of Laws degree from the University of Michigan; tries on his son's cowboy hat at Salt Lake City while barnstorming for the GOP during the 1974 Congressional campaign; grins from beneath a golf hat at the Pleasant Valley Country Club in Sutton, Mass.; looks chilly in a fur hat in Vladivostok, Siberia; wears an elaborate sombrero in Mexico for a visit with the country's President Luis Echeverria, and sports ski headgear at Vail, Colo., during his recent vacation.



## Medical Expe Eye Drops Serious E

Millions of American brands of over-the-counter eye drops to mask eye pain many could be heading for a prominent New York

"What is in the eye danger stems from the overuse of eye drops," warned Dr. Joe

Minor eye problems become major if he corrects the redness of the eyes — dilates the blood vessels,

"The eye drops are used to treat conditions called

"The drug companies are aware of the problems. Most of the problems are not serious.

"A person may have worn glasses or may

"But there is always a possibility it could be something fatal," said an assistant professor in the Department of Ophthalmology at Sinai Hospital in New York

"By far the most common cause of blindness is inflammation inside the eye. This is a condition called

You needn't go to your doctor every time you wake up with a headache, but also a pharmacist at the Bronx Veterans Hospital

"I suggest you put on eye drops or so. If the condition persists, get medical advice."

The Food and Drug Administration has a number of review panels to evaluate eye drops.

An Ophthalmic Panel sets the approximately 80 standards that ultimately set standards

Lawrence Zupan, senior consultant in Ophthalmology, told The Food and Drug Administration that all eye drop manufacturers should be required to include a warning: 'Redness of the eyes is a symptom of disease. If redness persists, stop using the drops.'

And Cynthia Margolis, director of the National Prevention of Blindness, said that the use of over-the-counter eye drops can be devastating.

The FDA's deputy director of consumer affairs, Dr. Mark Novich, said that the use of eye drops is a warning about the possibility of blindness from overuse of self-medication.

## 103 — And She Still Does Volunteer Work

By E.G. MARTIN

At 103 years old, Laura Wisham is the oldest volunteer worker in the United

today. This frozen and prepared stuff isn't fit for a pig to eat . . .

"It's a shame that poor souls have to work