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Something like 600 bills were dropped into the House of Representatives on the first day of the session...

Don't Blame the Marxists! Mistake has vainly sought to establish why the United States is not having an economic crisis...

Economists at Moscow, according to dispatches, could not agree on the reasons for the business boom in the United States...

Oil Supply for 250 Years It's hard for the average person to keep up with the predictions concerning the oil supply of the world.

Not long ago, the experts were predicting that the United States would be running out of the precious fluid in two or three decades...

With the people of this country using more oil and gasoline than the world consumed before the recent war...

Efforts to economize in government get along very well until they meet an actual opportunity to economize.

Michigan's Newest Congressman Tells How He Expects to Vote on Major Issues

WASHINGTON—It's going to be a busy day for the Michigan congressman. It will also be an amazing and heartening if what makes him tick today keeps on ticking as "the boy gets to him" both inside and outside congress.

Marshall's Great Record Secretary of State George C. Marshall removes a public official who has won general approval by his eminent services to the nation.

Subsequently, when asked to assume the onerous duties of the State Department, the General did not refuse. He entered an area of activity and subjected himself to partisan criticism which was not long in arriving.

We also wish to call attention to the fact that General Marshall represents the "brass hats," who were so vigorously criticized by columnists and radio commentators at the conclusion of the war.

For their great contribution to the welfare of their nation and the protection of the Republic, they were maligned and denounced by publicity-hunting scribblers and orators.

Many a man or woman, too busy to take an active part in helping to solve his or her community problems, still has time for a regular round of golf or bridge.

For what we read into the overseas dispatches, there apparently is nothing the matter with the world that cannot be cured by a sufficient number of American dollars.

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Admits It's Fun Ford, with a grin: 'I'll admit it is fun to go to a party of the home of columnist Drew Pearson and chat with headline names.'

Phatically Clear All this the attractive former Michigan football player made quite clear at lunch the other day.

Will Take Courage Since his district is both industrial and rural, he could be useful on Labor and Education, Agriculture, or Public Works.

Deep in my arm chair curled. There are countless mortals who rove and roam Abroad in the bleak dark world.

BEATRICE McDONALD

Happenings of Long Ago

80 YEARS AGO January 27, 1949 If you want to have a real hearty laugh, insist on Bert Campbell telling you his story.

The Right Reverend Bishop Davies administered the rite of confirmation to 20 converts at St. James Protestant Episcopal Church Sunday last.

Recherster has finally won the sugar beet factory which was a bone of contention for so long between that village and Pontiac.

20 YEARS AGO January 21, 1929 Don't be alarmed at all the shooting folks, it's not a bandit attack. The police chief has been here for several days.

Ten delegates and ten alternates have been named from Bloomfield Township to attend the annual Republican convention in Pontiac Feb. 1.

Troy Township police are following every possible clue in their search for the prowler who, early this morning, broke into the gas station at John E. Ford's house.

The quick thinking of Claude Berry saved the garage where he works in Franklin from destruction by fire today.

5 YEARS AGO January 27, 1944 Edward H. Laird, 363 George, was named president of the Detroit Chapter of the American Society of Landscape Artists.

Dr. Edwin W. Deer, local dentist, is closing his office soon and will leave for active duty with the United States Navy.

The Birmingham Retail Merchants Association is planning a series of five conferences to continue through the winter and spring months.

Walter L. Moreland has been elected president of the Birmingham Federal Savings and Loan Association for the coming year.

John E. Martz, mayor of Birmingham, has issued a proclamation asking all residents to assist in the paper drive which is being conducted in a normal day.

Dividing the Spoils



Michigan Taxpayers Frown on Size of the New Federal Budget, Letters Show

WASHINGTON—Michigan taxpayers are frowning on the size of the proposed budget of \$41.9 billion with a notable lack of enthusiasm.

Congressman Albert J. Engel, Republican from Michigan, of the House Appropriations Committee, declared today that "we haven't begun to scratch the surface of cutting waste out of government."

Considerable Cutting The Department of National Defense is one agency where Congressman Engel feels considerable cutting can be done without impairing the country's defense system.

Michigan's Share Michigan's share of the President's proposed budget will amount to nearly two billion dollars, according to figures com-

Internationally Speaking

By Eugene Heez International Market Analyst Do you know that last year the first Brazilian factory for the production of domestic and commercial refrigeration appliances has started to market its products?

House, he said, men being built in Alaska, costing from \$59,000 per family unit for Army civilian employees.

Furthermore, the President, in Congressman Engel's opinion, could have flown the old Sacred Cow two years more before getting another expensive plan.

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Wabek State Bank

By Gene Allama Health insurance would begin modestly with a 0.25 per cent tax on employee and employer on the first \$4,000 of income.

It adds up to this: The combined payroll tax, levied by the federal government, affords available to the state governments which are to administer the benefits, would be 4.5 per cent of payroll income up to \$4,800 as compared with the present 2 per cent combined tax on incomes up to \$3,000.

The \$4,800 income worker who now pays \$10 a year would pay \$108, an increase of \$78 a year. Eventually the social security tax would rise to \$10 a year on the employee and also the employer. A vast army of government employees would be needed to administer the details of such a broad program affecting practically every man, woman and child in the Nation.

The 1949 payroll tax increase adds to \$2,000,000,000. This contribution would be in the form of course, to higher federal taxes which are now forecast at \$4,000,000,000 and higher taxes by every man, woman and child also freely forecast as inevitable.

The above forecast appraisal of our growing state socialism whereby bigger and better benefits are to be made available to the American people, affords the readers of this column an inside look at the additional taxes they will be called upon to pay from their income. The State of Michigan will get increased "federal aid" for many social programs. This aid will come out of the earnings of workers and the earnings of business. The net result is more government and more inflation.

Old-age insurance, now financed by a 1 per cent tax on both the employee and employer, would rise to 1.5 per cent on July 1, 1949. This tax would apply to individual income up to \$4,000 instead of \$3,000 as at present. Coverage would be broadened to include farmers, farm workers, doctors, small businessmen, and even household help.

Unemployment compensation would be broadened to cover employees of firms hiring less than eight persons. The maximum weekly benefit would be \$4,800 instead of \$3,000, as at present. The employer's payroll tax would be 2 per cent for four successive years; thereafter, 1 per cent minimum and 4 per cent maximum.

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THE ECCENTRIC'S Camera Corner

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