Welfare Relief Shackles

When the New-Fair Deal enacted fedwhen the New-Far-Deal epacete terral legislation that would remove a State from receiving grants of relief money if that State published, or made available to the public, the names of persons receiving similar aid on the State level, those political bureaucrats did so with the thought of shackling the free-down of that State. dom of that State.

dom of that State.
Indiana, for example, recently passed
legislation to open its relief rolls to public inspection. Indiana did so in order to
get rid of many chiselers... people who
obtain State relief aid when their circum-

From Our Point of View

President Truman recently warned "Communist aggression, inflation, and reactionaries at home." He had nothing to say about mink coats, Kansas City gang slayings, RFG scandals, deep freezes, pedding political influence, etc., etc. (Certainly Harry is loyal to his former political patron saint, Boss Pendergast!)

For a long, long time Congress has re-For a long, long time Congress has re-fused to approve the expenditure of 'dough to complete the Great Lakes-St. Lawrence Seaway project. Why? Be-cause the common carriers who would lose business to the steamships lobby against the Seaway. Great Lakes com-munities, including Canada, that would heapoft from the project also do playly. benefit from the project also do plenty of lobbying. In other words, this repub-lic of ours operates by lobbies, by pressure groups . . . and how, Dear Reader, could it operate otherwise?

So They Say . . .

Charles F. Brannan, Secretary of Agri-

culture:
"Farm leadership should make clear to labor and to white-collar groups that farmers are concerned with their prob-

R. B. Spencer, doctor:

"Nature imposes trials and tribula-tions and may know what is good for us better than we do ourselves."

Isador Lubin, U.S. Delegate to U.N. Eco-nomic and Social Council: "A nation of insecure tenants and ruthless laborers is an unstable society,

subject to sporadic violence and easily persuaded to follow false leaders."

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stances could show them able to take care of themselves. What did Washington, D.C. do?

IT ARROGANTLY TOLD Indiana that no longer would the Hoosier State get any matching federal relief funds— even though Indiana taxpayers help to send the money to Washington.

Other States, recognizing how Washington is trying to make vassals of them through federal grants, appear to follow

the Indiana pattern.

Michigan, we think, ought to do the

same.

How do "chiselers" get on to relief rolls? Simply because too many of the relief workers who determine who will and who will not get relief are both "easy" and radically sympathetic. Besides, they quite naturally want to keep thair inba.

CERTAINLY, WE FAVOR the grant ing of decent relief where such relief is deserved. But every dollar that goes to

deserved. But every dollar that goes to an undeserving recipient makes it that much harder for the needy to get enough to make their lives fit to live. So, Philana, go to it I and try to get other States to follow. Then arouse the public conscience so that the voters will let their Congressmen know how they feel on the subject.

A Sincere Welcome

We are quite sure that the people of the United States will welcome Princess Elizabeth of the British Empire and her husband, the Duke of Edinburgh, when

Because of the close cultural ties which exist between the English-speak ing nations and the bonds of friendship,

ing nations and the bonds of friendship, forged in two world wars, the reception accorded the royal pair will be exceptionally warm.

Nevertheless, there is no reason for Americans to forego their republican ideas or to forget that, after all, this country is not inclined to attach great importance the second of the country is not inclined to attach great importance the second of the second portance to positions acquired by the accident of birth.

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We know very well that many newspaper editors, radio commentators and
other speakers will blow their tops but,
after all, the young lady and her husband represent no more than the average couple, trying to fulfill the burdensome obligations of life in a satisfactory and creditable manner.

But Autos Kill More

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News that 50 persons met death recently when a giant airliner crashed into a shill moved many persons to exclaim, "Well, you won't catch me in a plane."

What these people overlook is that the safety record of passengers, on commercial airliners, is about as good as any other form of travel. Because an air crash is spectacular, it continues to be news, and everybody hears about it.

What of the ubiquitous automobile in which we gad about so gaily? Nearly one hundred Americans are killed every day as we spend along our highways. Many more are hijured, some crippled for life. Nevertheless, these accidents make only local news and many of them make only local news and many of them are hardly reported at all.

Everybody Wants to Get Into the Act Fewer Highway



Happenings of Long Ago

Bits Of News Gleaned From Old Files Of The Eccentric—
The Items That Make Up The Historical Background
Of The Birmingham Of Today.

The handle factory of J. N. Zimmerman is busier than ever. In fact it is a beehive of industry and Mr. Zimmerman is aggressive enough to reach out for more and more orders. He has purchased 10 carloads of fumber to be converted into all sorts of handles.

We are presenting our readers with a short story this week by Maud McDonald. The little lady is only 14 years of age and as a journalist does very nicely.

20 YEARS AGO
October 22, 1931
Birmingham Boy Scouts wi
ormerly dedicate their new cam;
amp George, Sunday afternoo
n the north shore of Lower Lon
ake. The 60 acre tract is th
fit of Col. Edwin S. George of
loomfield Hills.

Only two cross overs remain un completed as plans progress for the opening of the east lane of Woodward avenue from Roya Oak to Lincoln. The lane will probably be opened for traffic Monday according to C. L. Cow

Commissioner Maurice Lowman has asked the village payroll cut charging "thumb twiddling" by municipal employees. "I believe half the number of employees would do the job just as well," Lowman said.

The Birmingham board of ecation forsees a closing of lo schools in November unless at tional funds are not available so Money must be obtained to meaulty payrolls, if nothing moboard members were told tweck.

5 YEAKS ACO
October 24, 1946
Edward F. Kirbert, newly appointed Y serretary was introduced to a Detroit-Birmingham group at Monday night's rally in the Community House. A budget of \$10,000 for the coming year was set.

hat office.

Two new school buses have een authorized by the board of ducation, bringing the total to ve for the Birmingham district. Trederick Madison has been asked o perpare bus garage plans.

HORSE SENSE AND NONSENSE BY ALICE E. MORGAN

ONE THING OR ANOTHER By George Wm. Averill

Aggressive action in every cammadity on a program of rishability on a

Accidents, But Fear Higher Toll

NATIONALLY the trend in factalities is also appeared and many authorities have predicted an all time high this year. Fatalities recorded since the turn of the century will reach the one million mark before the close of 1951.

Travel in Michigan during July, the latest month for which figures are available was 2.2 billion will be some available with the same month last year.

FIRE EXTINGUISH RECHARGING WHEN THE SAME DELL MILES AND MI The upward trend in Michigan traffic aecidents which has greated as May of 1950 was halted in August, but State Powhalted since May of 1950 was halted in August, but State Powhalted in House and the worst haltey if forturers and pedes-drawn was to be a second t

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and Deathmand injuries usually rise sharply. In addition to accidents, the number of persons injured during August also was slightly less than in the same month a year ago after having shown increases in each of the preceding five months. Deaths, however, were above last busher of the proposed of the

ACCORDING TO the State Po-lice monthly statistical report, there were 12,979 accidents which resulted in 4,449 injuries and 156-deaths.

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line pie dish with postry, Cut opples in eighths. Arronge in postry-lined pan. Mix the sugar, flour, cinaaman and cream together. Pour misture over the opples! Sprinkle grated cheese over the apples and bake at 423 degrees for forty minutes.

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