Socialism Vs. Free Enterprise

Most Americans believe in the free competitive system in blusiness. They argue that the only enemy of this system's continuance lies in the minds and efforts of those who would use Socialism as an alternative ... use it by causing the government to acquire more of the tools of industrial and agricultural production. Socialism may be schieved by two hasic methods. One is to have the government actually own and operate factories and farms. The other is to use the device of business and the farms much of their earnings, and to use this money for subsidies and comparable controls over the economy.

THE CREATION OF SO-CALLED

flood control projects, with their allied de-velopment and sale of electric power, also is another offspring of the Socialistic technique.

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America, of course, has developed the world's best economic system, with its benefits of high standards of living... higher by far than any other nation ever did. If we mean to keep our free competitive system, and not fall into the hands of Socialism, we must be alert to the danger.

And the best preventive is to see that our present system continues to improve, to the end that more and more working Americans acquire better economic stakes in the material wealth we are able to

We See No Reason for This Exception

Although we have tried to figure out why the Birmingham city commission last week deviated from its usual policy of as-sessing paving costs only against abutting business property, we haven't been able

It concerned the paving of Chesterfield along the business properties at the north-west corner of Chesterfield and W. Maple.

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City Assessor Elmer W. Haack said he
saw in this instance no reason to use a
modification of the residential area paying assessment method, which calls for
the corner lot to bear only a proportion
of the side street cost while the remaining
amount is spread in descending rate
ward the other end of the block.

HE SAID IT WAS his opinion that the

Why Old Dobbin Lost

Cornell University economists have come up with the real reason farmers in the United States have turned to mechanization. The economists have been studying the actual cost of keeping a horse, or horses, in operation on the farm. According to the results of this study, it costs \$141 to maintain a horse in harness on the farm. A team of horses would, therefore, cost \$282 a year.

The cost break-down is divided into two parts, about one-half is the cost of feed and bedding. Other costs make up the other fifty per cent of the total.

ONE OF THE COSTS figured by the

"As a Man Thinketh

Martin Black, an eighty-four year old Martin Biack, an eighty-four year loid retired lowa farmer, recently took a bride of seventy-two to the altar. It was no week-end romance for Black. He had known his bride for forty years.

The new Mrs. Black did not appear to be nervous during the ceremony until she was performing the cake-cutting operausual business area formula should be followed: assess the cost only against the corner business on the basis that the pavement would improve parking conditions, access, and potentially increase customers. However, commissioners evidently felt there was some benefit to adjoining businesses, therefore spread the assessment further than has been done in the past. If this is a new policy for future paving in business areas, we can understand why

in business areas, we can understand why it was done in this instance. But if it were a special instance, we can see no special conditions which apply only to the Chesterfield-Maple situation. If there are, the commission has not clearly defined them. We admit policies should be improved when necessary. But in view of Haack's experienced testimony, we feel this policy has been violated, not improved.

economists arrived at a figure of sixty-two hours, which they say represents the labor required in a year to keep up a horse. This labor is figured at \$50.

In brief, this labor item means that a In brief, this labor item means that a farm team costs approximately 86 cents an hour for every hour of work on the farm. When one considers the low cost of tractors and figures out the hourly cost of using a tractor, he can see that it compares favorably with the cost of using a team of horses, or even mules.

That is about it the

That, in short, is the answer to the question of why farmers have been turn ing from horses and mules to tractors and mechanized equipment.

tion. Then she admitted to friends she was a "little nervous."

For all those who consider themselves finished at such immature ages as seventy and eighty, the life-begins-at-eighty for example of Black should be an encouragement. It is good to see there are still some people left who believe they are only as old as they feel.

From The Eccentric's Point of View...

Governor Williams has announced his Governor Williams has announced his intention to run for a fourth term and former U.S. Senator Blair Moody is put to regain his seat in Washington, D.C. Both these gentlemen, Drocrats, no doubt will stage a vigorous campaign to beat their Republican opponents—for we think Moody will be the fall candidate on his ticket and Williams is unopposed in his party. The Republicans will have to sharpen up their ideas and their efforts to win by any decisive margin, we think.

U. S. Army Private G. David Schine will go down in American history as a more advertised figure than many a general. Although himself a mitror character in the McCarthy-Army controversy, perhaps Fate used him as the device to bring out, for the benefit of the American people, whatever may be proved wrong about either McCarthy and/or the Army.

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Human reactions often are unpredict-Human reactions often are unpredictable. A 15-year-old New York lad, spurned by his girl, climbed out on a five-story roof and threatened to jump. Scores of people tried to persuade him otherwise. A happily margied policeman then argued: "Don't jump, son . . . women aren't worth a dime." The lad then walked toward the officer, who grabbed the youngster.

At last mankind has developed a physical world in which he has fashioned weapons so powerful that within a few hours of the start of international cambat many scores of millions of people can be slaughtered. Such an achievement is, of course, world-shattering . . . and soulcourse, world-s shattering, too.

Police in Toronto, Canada, have been instructed to keep their hands off women when they have to arrest them for some-thing. It seems that some of the feminine sex who get into the toils of the law try to resist arrest by biting the hand that wants to take them into custody.

So They Say ...

Anthony Eden, British Foreign Secretary:
"The hydrogen bomb, terrifying as it is,
may prevent a third world war."

C. C. Brown's Shoe Hospital has established a long distance record for treated as long distance record for treated patient to be a matter of Ottoway, Mich.

Jack Galli, soo of John J. Caffli, of Southfield avenue, will spend the assummer working on one of the great lakes freighters before regreat lakes freighters before regreat lakes freighters before regreated as the summer working on one of the Toronto Carlon Robert B. Anderson, Deputy Defense Sec-retary, speaking of "new look" in armed forces:

"The new look is a gradual and orderly shift in emphasis in certain planning ob-jectives and in the procurement programs which support these plans."





HORSE SENSE AND NONSENSE

BY ALICE E. MORGAN

Mother's Day will be celebrated on May 9 this year.
This particular type of observance, honoring the human mother, is, as time goes, a fairly new celebration. Have you, however, given thought to the various forms of "mother worship" that have been in existence through many centuries!

mother, is, as time goes, a fairly new celebration. Have you, however, given thought to the various forms of "mother worship" that have been in existence through many centuries? Some, like our own, hone; the human mother, others pay tribute the human mother, others pay tribute the human mother, steps have a said certain amounts of the seed of the mother. Given a said certain amounts of the seed for the mother. Given a said certain amounts of the seed of the mother. Given a locate for the mother. Given the form the form

"A new made widow in Pontiac wired her friend: "Dear Joseph is dead" and then to temper the sad news added, "Loss fully covered by insurance."

"We have names for many of our farm homes now, why not have our farm homes now, why not have our farm homes now, why not have our mande and marked. The product of the country, Woodward Ave. on to Pontiac, and name the others. The cents from those living on these roads will pay for marking the signs.

"Orion, of summer resort fame, may be a dry town the coming year. When the question of liquid pays, and the product of the pays and the pays of the pays

"Owing to the resignation of Mrs. H. T. Randall as matron of the high school sorority, because she has gone to California to live, Mrs. Warren Clizbe has been chos-en as matron.

Martine Frances Casper, three-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Roy. M. Casper of 966 Glenhurst drive, drowned Tuesday morning in a pool in a neighbor's yard. The highest honer possible for junior women at Michigan State college was bestowed Monday morning on Miss Barbara Sears when she was among those to be inducted into Moytar Board.

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.

ONE THING OR ANOTHER

Apparently, Michigan people are not as interested in legalizing bingo as first was believed. Circulating petitions have been out for a-long time, yet comparatively few of the necessary signatures have been obtained calling for a constitutional amendment. So maybe we can write off bingo as being sunk-o.

Along about now is the time when some local organization should be starting plans to conduct a community-wide home decoration campaign the area will be well lit up during the next Christmap season.

NTOLSLEMTS.

Most newspapers refuse to publish letters which come in unsigned for the same reasons rumors and suspicions do not see print. If the writer doesn't think enough of his opinions to sign for them, the paper feels they are not worth bringing to the public's attention.

The moment somebody only needs to assume you are going to do or say something he does not like, and can apply legal force to punish you for what he thinks you will do or say—then this American republic as a great nation is losing its most basic freedom.

To be suspicious, or to assume, is to

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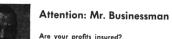
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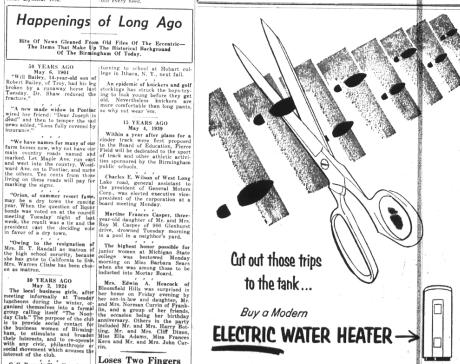
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