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## ANOTHER FRUIT OF SOCIALISM

According to an AP dispatch from London, Britain is recruiting jobless Italians to help relieve the manpower shortage in her coal mines. Over a thousand of these imported workers are now in Britain, and many more are wanted.

This is one more of the fruits of Britain's socialization of coal. When the Labor government took over the mines, the workers were sold on the idea that utopia was just around the corner. Disillusionment came swiftly. The miners found that they had traded a boss with whom they could bargain for a dictatorial bureaucracy which worked on a "take it or leave it" basis. The promised improvement in working conditions and living standards never materialized — if anything, they deteriorated. The result has been a wave of job-quitting and absenteeism, and coal production has suffered alarmingly.

The American miners, by contrast, work for free enterprises. There has been many a bitter battle between labor and management but, regardless of that, the economic condition of the miners is infinitely superior to their equivalents in Britain or any other country. Our 400,000 soft coal miners average some \$2.25 an hour. Their base scale is about \$16 a day. And, in addition, the American miner is the beneficiary of liberal health and welfare plans, a generous annuity system, and has paid vacations.

The record shows beyond argument that in socialist and communist countries the worker always takes a beating. Only in a free economy is labor strong and well paid.

## DON'T BE AN EASY MARK

We are living in an age when the fine art of trying to get something for nothing is being practiced by nations, states, cities, and on down to the lowliest pick pocket and professional writers of bad checks.

Fred Johnson, Vice President of the American Stores of Philadelphia, has compiled information on the growth of the bad check racket. It reads like a fast moving story. For example, he points out that in the trading area of the American Stores a certain group of banks formerly turned back from three to five worthless checks a day. Now they turn back eighty each day. The recent crime investigations have caused certain lawless elements to switch their activities into other types of swindling, particularly the pushing of bad checks among merchants, with shoplifting, and counterfeit money as side lines.

After listing scores of examples of the way individuals are imposed on and bilked by the bad check artists, Mr. Johnson gives some sound advice: "Checks should never be cashed on the basis of casual acquaintance, sympathy, hard luck tales, distress telegrams, vague answers, altered credentials, haste, bluff and bluster, offended dignity, personal resentment, threats to report to the main office, or alleged friendship with an official of the company. Phoned instructions to cash checks, regardless of the source, should be disregarded."

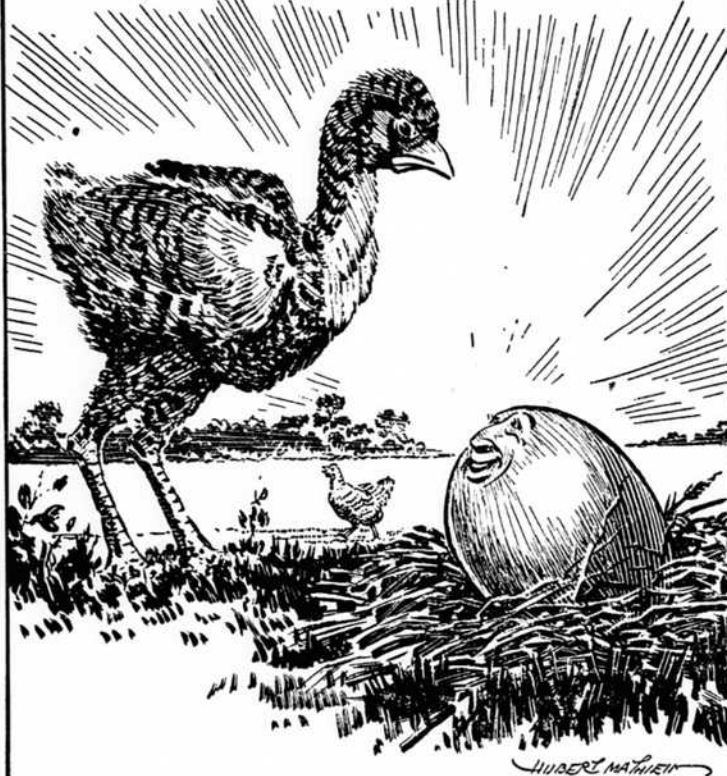
There is one safe rule to follow. Don't cash a check for anyone whom you don't know or who cannot furnish you with absolutely satisfactory credentials.

Middle age is the time of life when a man stops wondering if he can escape temptation and begins to wonder if he's missing any. Since World War II, American farmers have been producing about two-fifths more food and fiber than they did in the prewar 1935-39 period.

## OUR DEMOCRACY — by Mat

### SPENDING OR SAVING — WHICH COMES FIRST?

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## MINUTE SERMON

It is a good tradition which says that for New Year's dinner we should humbly eat hog jowl, cow peas, collard greens, and corn bread. After the good food, holidays, and celebrating at Christmas we need to get down to earth and down to work again. It does take work to make this old world go. We will not have bountiful harvests next fall unless we get the land ready and put in the crops this spring. One of the glories of our American

heritage is that our pioneer ancestors believed in honest toil. A Bible verse often quoted at Sir Walter Raleigh's colony at Roanoke Island was, "If any will not work, neither should he eat" (II Thess. 3:10) The New Year is a good time to get down to work at our various jobs, for the way to freedom and plenty is by self-support and honest toil.

Paul wrote to the Thessalonians, "For we hear that there are some which walk among you disorderly, working not at all, but are busy bodies. Now them that are such we command and exhort by our Lord Jesus Christ, that with quietness they work, and

eat their own bread." (II Thess. 3:11,12)

Wilmington Social Security office. These persons will need a social security number at the time they file their first social security return says Mrs. Avera. This report will be filed in conjunction with income tax returns. The first such report from self-employed persons will be made in 1952 for the year 1951.

It is pointed out by Mr. Aavra that under the terms of the amended Social Security Act, Federal old age and survivors insurance is extended to most non-farm and self-employed individuals who have incomes from trades or businesses which they operate either as sole owners or as partners. Self-employed persons who have never had a social security account number card or who have lost their card are urged to secure one now in order that they may be able to file complete information with their tax return next year.

A representative will be in Wilmington at the Post Office from 1:30 to 3:30 p. m., on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month, and any self-employed person having questions concerning social security is urged to contact him then.

## Hog Slaughtering Hints Are Offered

Hints on how to make the job of hog slaughtering easier are offered by Jim Butler, livestock specialist for the State College Extension Service:

Remove all feed and supply plenty of drinking water for 24 hours prior to slaughter. Butchering will be easier if the intestines are empty, and a better bleed will result.

Handle hogs quietly. If animals are unduly excited it is more difficult to get a good bleed.

Stick with a sharp knife. Keep hog's head below level of body for a better bleed. Also avoid stunning the animal.

Bleed hogs on clean straw or rack to prevent bloody hair and skin, which may interfere with scalding.

Heat scalding water to 145 degrees Fahrenheit for best results. A higher temperature may set the hair, making picking difficult, and if the temperature is much lower, the hair may not loosen.

After picking and scraping, remove internal organs as soon as possible.

Remember that chilling is one of the most important requirements for proper curing of meat. Carcasses should be split down the back with a saw to aid chilling.

Don't allow meat to freeze. Hang carcasses overnight at 3° to 45 degrees Fahrenheit for best results.

For each 100 pounds of meat use eight pounds of salt, three pounds of sugar, three ounces of saltpeper. Divide this mix and use half the first day. Rub on meat and keep meat in well ventilated somkehouse. Be sure to cover all cut surfaces with curing mix.

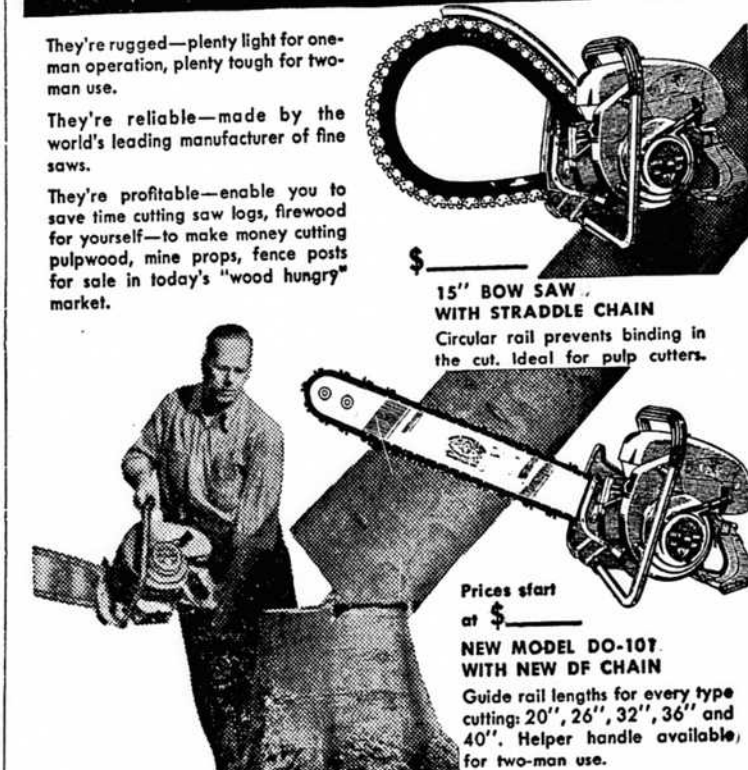
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## SOCIAL SECURITY CARDS NECESSARY

Self-employed persons in a trade or business who came under Sociey Security for the first time on January 1, 1951, should make sure that they have a social security card, according to N. A. Avera, manager of the

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