

EDITORIALS

THE LATEST FROM MARCANTONIO

Former Congressman Vito Marcantonio is now organizing a new party all his own. He told reporters recently it was to be known as the "Good Neighbors Party."

Among other things, Marcantonio said that none of the existing political parties, including the Republicans and Democratic parties, and the Liberal and American Labor parties, were responsive to the needs of the people.

We have nothing against Mr. Marcantonio personally, although we point out that the business of organizing new parties has never been particularly successful in the United States. The two-party system in this country seems to be here to stay—for a while at least.

Already New Yorkers are split between more parties than those of any other section of the country. To the average citizen this is perhaps a good thing, but in the American system of politics, the two-party system has many advantages.

In countries such as France and Italy, where there are many parties and where the multi-party system is in operation, one need not look far before he sees the major disadvantages of such a system. The country is broken down into so many factions, and factionalism, that it becomes very difficult for any group to gain a stable majority or a stable authority to form a government.

Thus, Mr. Marcantonio, in seeking to establish another party, is doing the very thing which—if successful—would bring about a situation in this country, somewhat similar to that in France or Italy.

WHY FARMERS MECHANIZED

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 Cornell economists is the labor cost. The 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 farm team costs approximately 8 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, in short, is the answer to the question of why farmers have been turning from horses and mules to tractors and mechanized equipment.

MARRIAGE AT EIGHTY-FOUR

Martin Black, an eighty-four year old retired Iowa 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 operation. 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-four 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.

THOUGHT FOR TODAY

Music is almost as dangerous as gunpowder.
—Jeremy Collier

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Furse's Fresh Flashes

There is insufficient evidence to judge a woman's character by her clothes.

There may be plenty of money in circulation in the USA, but we have yet to meet a man in Plattsmouth who thinks he has his share of it.

Asked a fellow up the street here the other day where he met his wife. He answered, "Hell, I didn't meet her, she overtook me."

Governor Crosby advises us to pay our taxes with a smile. That would be all right with us, but our treasurer insists on cash.

Income taxes may be unpleasant but we know of no others that we hope to pay in increasingly larger amounts.

Religion would have a lot more converts if it didn't interfere with the way some people live.

A local girl has been in two plane crashes, three auto smash-ups and a train wreck. Flipper Fanny, our dainty little contour twister, says it will probably be her luck next to get a run in her stocking.

We are activated by only two motives: the drive to get money and the fight to keep it.

Down Memory Lane

20 YEARS AGO

Mrs. Robert G. Reed has been elected president of the Plattsmouth Woman's Club. Other officers elected were Mrs. L. S. Devoe, vice president; Miss Lucy Edwards, recording secretary; Mrs. L. W. Egenberger, corresponding secretary; Mrs. G. L. Farley, treasurer. Miss Theresa Libershall will head a health and nutrition center to be started at Plattsmouth for undernourished children. Mrs. Marion Tucker, president of the Nebraska Federation of Woman's Clubs is here making plans for the state convention to be held at Plattsmouth. The Plattsmouth Study Center will be disbanded on March 15 in compliance with announced CWA cuts. Lucille Meisinger is president of a Neighborhood of Youth club organized by the Senior Normal training class. Other officers are Helen Gilmour, vice president; Martha Kaffenberger, secretary-treasurer; Dorothy Siemoneit, reporter. Henry Schoemann has purchased a 240-acre farm near Murdock from August Wendt for \$125 an acre.

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(Ed. Note—Drew Pearson today continues his report on the difficulties between President Eisenhower and Senator McCarthy.)

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"Now, isn't this better than living with mother?"

McCarthy isn't so bad, that the bad man in the McCarthy entourage is Roy Cohn; that senators are demanding that McCarthy get rid of him.

The anti-McCarthy group inside the White House includes Bob Cutler, the Boston banker; Max Rabb; Bernard Shanley, White House counsel; C. D. Jackson, publisher of Fortune Magazine; and Sherman Adams, chief assistant to the president. Jim Hagerly remains more or less neutral.

Though the anti-McCarthy group inside the White House has been stronger, two groups outside the White House also have carried great weight with the sometimes hesitating president.

One is the Republican national committee together with right-wing, isolationist senators who have been constantly warning Ike that Joe McCarthy is necessary for them to win an election. With him and the Communist issue, they argue, the GOP can capture the Irish Catholic vote and swing such key states as Illinois to the Republican column next November.

The opposing McCarthy group outside the White House includes some of the most influential newspapers in the country, most of the pro-Eisenhower. They swung a tremendous bloc of independent votes for Ike in 1952, and their support or defection would probably spell the difference between a large bloc of independent votes today.

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Dated February 19, 1954. (Seal) RAYMOND J. CASE, County Judge

No. 2411—Febr. 22, Mar. 1, 8, 1954

Begley & Peck, Attorneys Plattsmouth, Nebraska

NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION In the County Court of Cass County, Nebraska

To all persons interested in the estate of Ralph Hennings, deceased. No. 4493: Take notice that a petition has been filed praying for administration of said estate and appointment of Richard C. Peck as administrator; that said petition has been set for hearing before said Court on the 12th day of March 1954 at ten o'clock a. m.

Dated February 19th, 1954. (Seal) RAYMOND J. CASE, County Judge

No. 2412—Febr. 22, Mar. 1, 8, 1954

Fouchek & Garnett, Attorneys Plattsmouth, Nebraska

NOTICE OF FINAL SETTLEMENT In the County Court of Cass County, Nebraska

To all persons interested in the estate of Gertha Hull, deceased. No. 4441: Take notice that the executor of said estate has filed his final report and a petition for examination and allowance of his accounts, determination of heirship, and distribution of said estate and for his discharge, which will be heard before said Court on March 12th, 1954, at ten o'clock a. m.

Dated February 20th, 1954. (Seal) RAYMOND J. CASE, County Judge

No. 2410—Febr. 22, Mar. 1, 8, 1954

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NOTICE OF FINAL SETTLEMENT In the County Court of Cass County, Nebraska

To all persons in the estate of Harry G. Todd, also known as H. G. Todd, deceased. No. 4450: Take notice that the administrator of said estate has filed his final report and a petition for examination and allowance of his accounts, determination of heirship, and distribution of said estate and for his discharge, which will be heard before said Court on March 24th, 1954, at

ten o'clock a. m.

Dated March 3rd, 1954. (Seal) RAYMOND J. CASE, County Judge

No. 2421—March 8, 15, 22, 1954

J. Howard Davis, Attorney Plattsmouth, Nebraska

NOTICE TO CREDITORS In the County Court of Cass County, Nebraska

To the creditors of the estate of Lena May Becker, deceased. No. 4489: Take notice that the time limit for the filing and presentation of claims against said estate is June 23, 1954; that a hearing will be had at the County Court room in Plattsmouth on June 23, 1954, at ten o'clock a. m. for the purpose of examining, hearing, allowing and adjusting all claims or objections duly filed.

Dated March 5, 1954. (Seal) RAYMOND J. CASE, County Judge

No. 2426—March 8, 15, 22, 1954

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Monday, March 8, 1954

Postmen Rate 99.8 in Mail

Dispatching Test

Four Plattsmouth post office employees scored 99.8 per cent on annual case examinations held Thursday at the post office here.

Taking the exam were Russell Nielsen, Gus Hopkins, Vern Hendricks and Ernest Janda. The 99.8 per cent was only two-tenths per cent away from perfect. Two of the postmen took exams for dispatching mail to Nebraska, and two took the exam for dispatching to Iowa. A score of 95 per cent is considered good.

In the exams, the postal employees dispatch cards into the proper bags, just as mail is dispatched each day. Hundreds of different towns are involved in the dispatching.

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