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## EDITORIAL PAGE

"What a man does for himself dies with him-what he does for his community lives on and on."

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| flasco avomed | dont forget local government |
| One of the best editorial commentaries on the cattle situation recently appeared in the Wichita Eagle. The paper pointed out that cattle prices had improved materially, from the extreme lows that were touched not long ago. And government assistance, it observed, was limited to such stimulations as helping improve the cattlemen's credit position, and supplying cheap feed. | When we talk of taxes, most of think of the federal government. That's natural-for federal taxation constitutes our greatest tax burden. <br> But we will make a bad mistake if we overlook government at the other levels. During the last fiscal year, says the Tax Review, state tax cal lections broke all previous records, reaching a high of $\$ 10,542,000,000$. And local tax collections also scaled a new peak, estimated at $\$ 10,200,000$ |
| Then the Eagle said: "But what if the government had yielded to the loud outeries for purchas ing cattle at parity? Experienced stockmen say the government would have owned most of the cattle on the ranges. There woul have followed an artificial shortage of beef, vastly higher prices, and other fiasco of the price support program. It is noteworthy that no established responsible | This means that the combined state-local tax load came to $\$ 133.16$ for every man, woman and child in the country. <br> The moral is plain. We must fight against wastefully and excessively costly government ev erywhere-not just in Washington, D. C. |
|  | A lesson from east gernany <br> The people of East Germany have experienced the oppression of dictatoriship and a planned economy. They have had only one right and that |
| "The whole support program, with accumulating surpluses and shrinking markets, has raised heavy doubts." | is to produce at the order of those in power. They know from bitter experience what private trade and independent unions mean. To them they mean the differnce between being free men and |
| to aid any group. government will make the policles and do the bossing - and in the long run both producer and consumer will be hurt. All of us can profit from the example the cattlemen have been setting. | slaves. <br> The next time you hear someone advocating ownership of industry, remember how desperate ly workers in East Germany and elsewhere are struggling to return enterprise to private hands in order to bring back individual opportunity and free trade unions. |
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|  | grass roots opinion |
| sald: "Our country with its idea of individual liberty as stated in the Declaration of Independence is still the newest idea in the world .... Many of us in our own country fall to understand fully the essence and the newness of the American idea." | ASHLAND, NEB., GAZETTE: "Your weekly newspaper is the nerve center of a community and without it that same community would soon begin to lose its identity. It is one of the grea bulwarks of a free America. Thousands of weekly newspapers throughout the United States repre |
| Were our government to follow the example of many of the old-world countries and soclallze the property and enterprise of the people, it would be so engrossed in ownership that it would no longer be a government of the people but only the proprietor and administrator of the nation with no responsibility toward the individual other than that of rule and keeper. | sent the best read printed matter in general cir culation today." <br> FOWLER, MICH., POST: "In these days of high taxation, a person has to take advantage of all the good breaks from going broke. But re member, any free handout is just a false solu tion to the basic difficulty. The day you find yourself believing that government gifts are the |
| a of serfdom is old. The Idea of new. | d into sociallstic and communistic thinking. BASSETT NER 1 FADER |


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## AS A MAN THINKETH

 within him the power to think. Thus, in this way and others, man is different from the mere beasts of the neld. It is strange that this God given power to man is very little used.Most of us are willing for others to do our thinking for us. Most of us are willing for others to do our thinking for us
We had rather get our thoughts from a newspaper editorial We had rather get our thoughts trom a newspaper edtrorial
or radto newscaster than to take the time and energy to or radio newscaster than to take the time and energy to
gather evidence and form our own conlusions by thought and meditation. The reason that Hillers and the Sovets can
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them to do their thinking, beeoming all alike and no ditter. them to do their thinking, Decoming all ailike and no difter-
ent than a herd of white taced catte. Some one has sald that ent han a herd of whine eacect catue Some one has sild that
the reason ten per cent of the people hold ninety per cent of the wealth is beecause the ten per cent do ninety per cent
of te thinking of the thinking.
But of far more consequence is the fact that in religion
the same holds true. Largely wr tellece what the same holols true. Latrgely we pelieve what some other
mortal has sed us to pelieve mortal has led us to believe. Too, many times we hear, "My
pastor said. instead of the Lord said. Many people believe
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"The coffee's terrible but it's the only restaurant in town"

Muddy coffee. Soggy toast. Indigestible food. Bad luck for the hungry salesman who stops in that town for a bite to eat. The missing ingredient is "competition."
Funny how that word has a way of stirring up activity.
$\qquad$ when they think about competition. They sit up evenings fretting about it, and spend millions to improve their products. The result,
of course, is high quality at lowest possible cost. And the winner of a contest like that has to be the public. People are tempted sometimes to wonder what life would be
like without competition. For a clue, they might note the shabby fall in living standards in countries where clumsy fingers of state monopoly have strangled competition.
Over 3,000 manufacturing firms in America share in the electrical business. We can name offhand 20 sizable firms that compete at giving the public better refrigerators. There are more
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