

CAPITALIST!

Johnny used to be a laborer. Brother Tim still is.

Both cut lawns. Both used to use customers' hand mowers. Each could do one big lawn a day, and got \$2 for it.

Tim spent his \$2 on movies and candy. Johnny saved some money, borrowed some more, and bought a power mower. Now he can cut 5 lawns a day, and so makes \$10.

He puts aside \$2 a day to pay back his loan, and \$1 toward another mower when this one wears out.

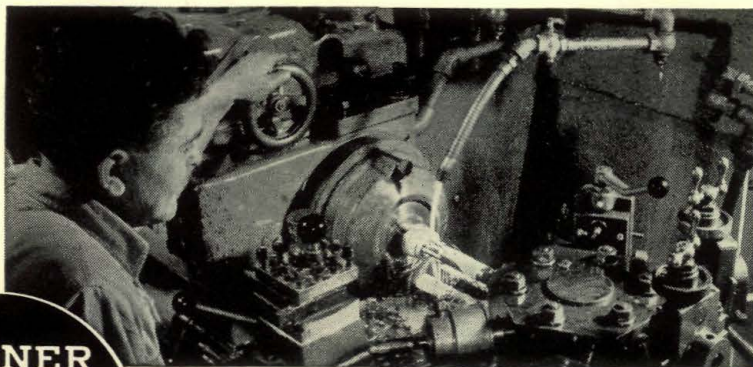
He still has seven dollars where he used to have two, and is helping more people get their lawns cut when they want them. Yet some enemies of business would say that that shows Johnny is

too big; he should be limited in the number of people he can serve.

These same strange enemies would prevent Johnny from setting aside \$1 a day out of his own earnings, to buy a new mower when this one wears out. (Of course, that means Johnny would go back to hand labor at \$2 a day, and fewer people would be served—but these strange people don't care about that.)

And some people say Johnny should be forced to share his \$7 with Tim so Tim can keep on spending his \$2 for movies and candy.

Sound ridiculous? Yes, but every one of these charges and demands is leveled at American business today.



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