

It's in giving and doing for somebody else;
On that all splendor depends,
And the joys of this life, when you've summed it all up,
Are found in the making of friends."

These favored lines come to my mind as I salute the Hoover Rail on this, its second anniversary. Ordinarily, the wish for further birthdays is expressed upon such an occasion, but I'm going to say instead I hope this is the final war-time birthday of the Hoover Rail, that before another year rolls around all of you will be home with skies brighter and clearer because of the sacrifices you have made and which those at home have made for the cause in which we fight.

I'm going to express, however, the further hope — one in which I'm thinking all of you will readily join — that somehow, after this war is won and the boys are home, the Hoover Rail may continue as an institution of the Lawndale community and the Cleveland Mill and Power Company; I feel from rather close association and observation of the Hoover Rail, the love that its editors pour into it and the regard it engenders for the home community all over this world as it follows our fighting men and women, that its usefulness should not cease with victory but should continue; I have noted, too, that it is enjoyed quite as much by the home folks and is looked forward to by them as it is by any of you scattered on the many fighting fronts where you are distinguishing yourselves as you fight for Lawndale and the things the people there hold dear.

Twenty four months is a long time if you sit and watch it a-coming, but when it has gone and you think how it went, it seems it passed just a-humming. You stuck to your job through those years and the homefolks have kept faith, too — the Hoover Rail is but one of the manifestations of that devotion to duty.

One of these days, very soon all of us are hoping, you'll be back around the original, one and only Hoover Rail, starting a new life in a world we're trusting won't know again the horrors this generation is seeing. Back at home your friends are looking forward to that glorious day, the men who direct the plants are giving thought to having you back to help meet the problems ahead because they know that men and women are the one material with which to build soundly. There's a lot of work and a lot of living ahead on that happiness trail which you'll go along hand-in-hand with the Hoover Rail which will have, all of us trust, many, many happy birthdays and more years of joyful usefulness in peace as it has in war; for whatever strengthens our local attachments is favorable both to individual and national character, our home, our birthplace, our native land.

I ask you to join me as we salute the Hoover Rail — long may it live and serve as well as it has in these past two years.

Holt McPherson

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Fourth and, last, we have a short message from Mr. John F. Schenck, Jr. Vice President of Cleveland Mill and Power Company. Mr. Schenck, as we have told you before, is the person directly responsible for the Hoover Rail bulletin getting its start — he is for you boys 100% and wants everything to be done for your pleasure that is possible.

Time is passing very quickly when one realizes the second anniversary of our Hoover Rail has been reached. The Hoover Rail has grown to be an important addition to Lawndale, and I believe should the Hoover Rail be discontinued, we, at home, would miss it as much as you boys would.

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