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EDITORIAL

LOOKING TO THE FUTURE

On his 100th birthday an old gentleman put into words his own thoughts for the future. He told some hundred and fifty guests at his birthday party at St. Joseph, Michigan:

"I have lived through four wars, five major depressions, many calamities, personal and national. After each of these there were voices raised in anguish . . . the nation had suffered a shock from which it could never recover, the economic system had been damaged beyond repair, the American way of life, as we know it and understood it, was gone forever.

"And, yet, each time I have witnessed the pendulum of public spirit swing slowly from despair to hope. Each calamity has taught us some lessons that we have managed to put to good use and the spiral of national progress has wound steadily upward.

"I am convinced there is one particularly important reason for this continued national progress. The world has sent us its most daring, its most aggressive, its most imaginative people. Out of all these elements we have brewed a race that cannot be defeated by adversity, and it is upon this that I base my profound hope for our continued welfare and progress in the centuries to come." His eyes are still on the future.

CASH FOR CHRISTMAS

Christmas Clubs in banks throughout the country will set a new record this year with distribution of \$635,000,000 to members, to commence Nov. 25. This represents a 15.7% increase over 1945 and constitutes the largest annual payment in the history of the 36-year-old savings plan.

A concomitant increase of 760,000 members has brought total membership to 8,360,000. Average payment per member will be \$76 for the entire country.

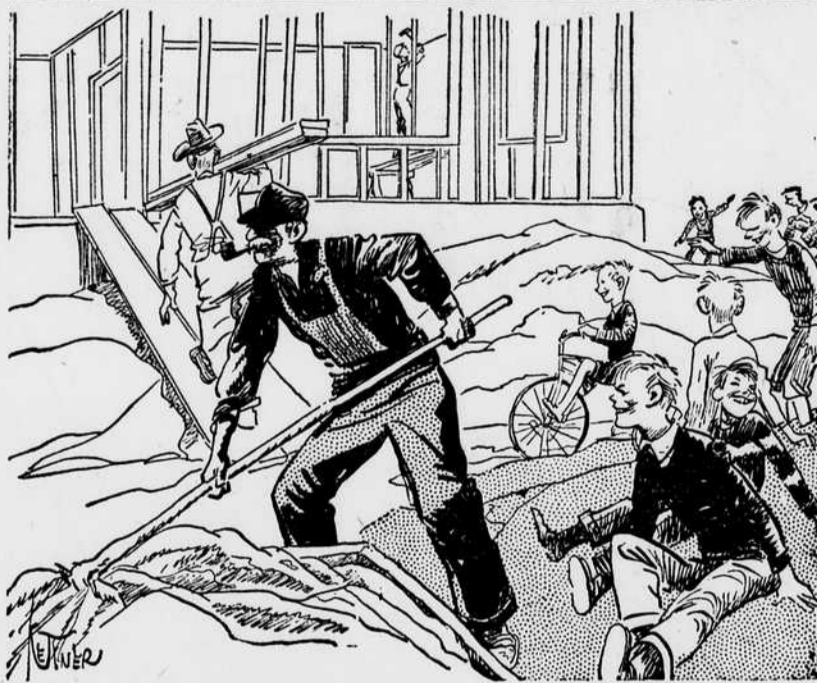
Leading the 5,000 participating banks in disbursements will be San Francisco's Bank of America N. T. & S. A. with \$12,500,000.

In addition to Christmas Club payments, \$124,557,464 will be paid to depositors by other Christmas savings funds in mutual savings banks.

AMERICANS MUST THINK

The greatest question mark in contemporary world affairs is not the Russian enigma, but the inability of the American democracy to make up its mind on foreign policy. The penalty of being the world's most powerful nation is the responsi-

The Port of Missing Men



bility involved. Our capacity to assume responsibility depends ultimately upon the power of decision of the collectivity of American citizens.

We are faced with but two choices in this atomic age. Either we must devise the means whereby an effective organization of world peace shall be assured or must resign ourselves to the inevitable destruction of civilization as we know it, through World War III. There can be no middle ground between these two extremes. Modern peace, like modern war is an all out proposition.

That is why the present impelling desire of the average American for "freedom from thought" has become so alarming. Unless something can be done to arrest it, unless the average citizen can be made to see that he has a personal stake in our foreign relations, nothing can prevent America from again losing the peace it fought for.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Halifax, N. C.
November 4, 1946

Dear Sir:

Am still wondering just why Roanoke Rapids hasn't (if it hasn't) erected, or at least planned, a fitting memorial to our precious boys who gave their lives for democracy.

There were probably more from Roanoke Rapids than any other town in North Carolina (of its size) to make the supreme sacrifice. Halifax County is amply able to do something in a big way. If we didn't already have a hospital I think that would be what they'd most appreciate . . . something for suffering humanity. Even a wing on the one we have. Its too small and can't always accommodate all who would like to be hospitalized. Beautify the Avenue and name it "Memorial Ave." with a monument on it.

Both of mine—all the children I had, were killed. So, Mr. Wilson, you can understand why I'm doubly interested. I'm not influential, but I shall be glad to have a part, personally, and can help financially too, in a small way. Haven't yet seen anything. But truly hope to very soon.

Yours very truly,

A READER.

Dr. and Mrs. W. E. Murphrey, Dr. and Mrs. M. C. Maddrey and Mr. and Mrs. Ellis Crew attended the Wake Forest-Carolina football game Saturday

Card of Thanks

The family of Mrs. Alice Hopkins wish to take this opportunity to express their sincere thanks and appreciation to relatives and friends for their kindness, service, and beautiful flowers sent her during her recent illness and death.

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