

Lives of Great Men All Remind Us

In February we observe the birthdays of two great Americans--Abraham Lincoln and George Washington. We can look into the lives of these great leaders and discover the make up of great characters. Such qualities as honesty, integrity, determination, perseverance, kindness and consideration. We can see that all of these qualities guided and directed their every move. The accomplishments of these outstanding Americans have helped to preserve and to perpetuate the United States of America and the American way of life which we so proudly claim.

All right--so what? Well, the lives of these great American heroes remind us that our country is founded on the character which they portrayed and the principles for which they fought. It behooves us to realize that our own characters are today influencing the out come of this world conflict and the nature and character of our nation and its people in the future.

Let us pause and analyze our own characters. What valuable traits of character do we now possess? What valuable traits of character do we desire to develop? List the many desirable character traits and check your own character against it. Who are our great leaders of the present day? How do you account for their effective influence and leadership? You can be sure their very own character and the character of others around them have accounted for success or failure in each undertaking. Is your own character contributing to the success of the efforts of our nation? Are you developing these character traits which will assure you security, peace of mind, and profound understanding in the post war world? In the not far distant future we will return to a normal life in times of peace.

In Longfellow's "Psalm of Life" he says it in this effective manner.

"Lives of great men all remind us
We can make our lives sublime
And departing leave behind us
Footprints on the sands of time."

VISITORS FROM THE UNITED STATES ARMED FORCES

SPE. WILLIE HARPER: Willie visited us recently while home on furlough. We were glad to see him again at the mill. He is now at Camp Phillips, Kansas. Prior to landing at Camp Phillips, Cpl. Harper was on desert maneuvers at