



LOOKING AHEAD

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Russia

Since the beginning of 1945 I saw a mid-Victorian rig, a horse and buggy, pass an automobile on a graded road. It was not a race. The car was not running. The motorist was out changing a tire. The driver of the rig sat up straight and pressed his horse for a bit of extra speed going by, which was funny. The car owner made the change and drove into town far ahead of the buggy.

Between 1928 and 1938 the United States, the world's outstanding industrial nation of all time, had an industrial depression. Meanwhile the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics was moving forward; not rapidly, but at an increasing rate. In those years it was being transformed from an agricultural to an industrial nation, a stage through which America had passed, half a century before.

A Wind-Broken Nag

Russia was driving a horse named "Central Planning." The rig made an interesting dash for improvement; not very fast however, nor very spectacular. Claims made for the animal's speed were funny; certainly not all true. Living conditions in Russia were not as high as those in America in the pit of our depression; never have been before nor since. It was a splurge, better than Russia had before, but far below American achievement.

There is nothing new about Central Planning. It's as old as horse-drawn equipment. Kings, tyrants and dictators have always used the idea. Some have done better with it than others, depending on the ruler. Russia's recent rulers have been anything but stupid. Their military leadership has the world agog. Russia has made a marvelous fight, using American equipment extensively.

For National Safety

You would think that Russia, living next door to an armed desperado for 25 years could have adequately prepared for war. No; Central Planning couldn't do it. It took a raid on Pearl Harbor to wake America from a sweet dream of peace, but America went into action with Private Enterprise and, in four years, armed the United Nations for victory. This demonstrates which system is better for national safety.

But war is never America's main objective. We are a peace-loving people and want to work and prosper and live well. Some say that America, in view of Russia's achievements ought to junk Free

Enterprise and adopt Central Planning. Knowing that Russia's achievements have never compared to our own, the suggestion is preposterous. Let's examine the figures of an expert for a moment:

Development Compared

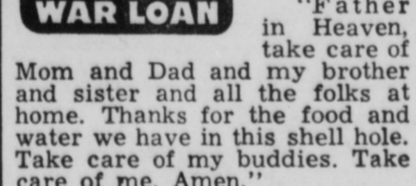
Leopold Schwarzschild, in his recent book called "Primer of the Coming World," shows some index figures to make a fair comparison of industrial gains in similar periods—Russia, while at her best in 1928-38, and America in a similar period. Here are three for a sample:

	U.S.S.R.	U.S.A.
Coal Mining	599	1,332
Railroad Building	38	918
Automobiles	129	2,066

The Russian government is an autocracy. One political party controls everything, including newspapers and radio, but not more than 2% of the people belong to it . . . the upper class. Kick up a rumpus about it if you want to go to the salt mines and serve your country for insufficient board and clothes. The system overcomes unemployment, but wages are only one-sixth of wages in America and the standard of living only one-sixth as high. I am in favor of keeping Private Enterprise here.

To the People of this Community

Remember the Kid in Upper Four? He thinks about you, his home folks, even under the murderous fire of enemy machine gunners. The kid came home the other day to receive a decoration. Unashamedly he recalled saying this simple prayer:



Father in Heaven, take care of Mom and Dad and my brother and sister and all the folks at home. Thanks for the food and water we have in this shell hole. Take care of my buddies. Take care of me. Amen.

In this case the kid's name was Private Ken Miller of Greensburg, Kan., veteran of Iwo Jima. Private Miller won't mind if you substitute the name of your boy for his as the boy who prayed in a foxhole for the home folks. The link between foxhole and home is never broken unless you break it here yourself. Your fighting sons look to you in the 7th War Loan to demonstrate that you are helping them in one of the most direct ways open to you, the acquisition of the most War Bonds you have ever bought in any War Loan.

THE EDITOR

Church announcement of a chicken dinner: "Come in for a Wing and a Prayer."

OLD CAROLINA RECORDS

TELL AMAZING STORY

Dig a dollar bill, or maybe a five spot, out of your pocket and take a good look at it. Then read this story and weep. It's from an old ledger sheet, yellow and brittle with age, that was recently unearthed in the Seaboard Railway's station at Thelma, N. C. The prize entry is as follows:

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We hate to rub it in, gentle reader, but that \$3.26 covered 24 robust meals and three lodgings! And rationing didn't mean a thing in those golden days.

ANNOUNCE BIRTH

Pvt. and Mrs. H. V. Andrews, Jr., of Zebulon announce the birth of a son, Henry Vinton III, on May 13 at Rex Hospital. Mrs. Andrews is the former Miss Melba Parker of Zebulon.

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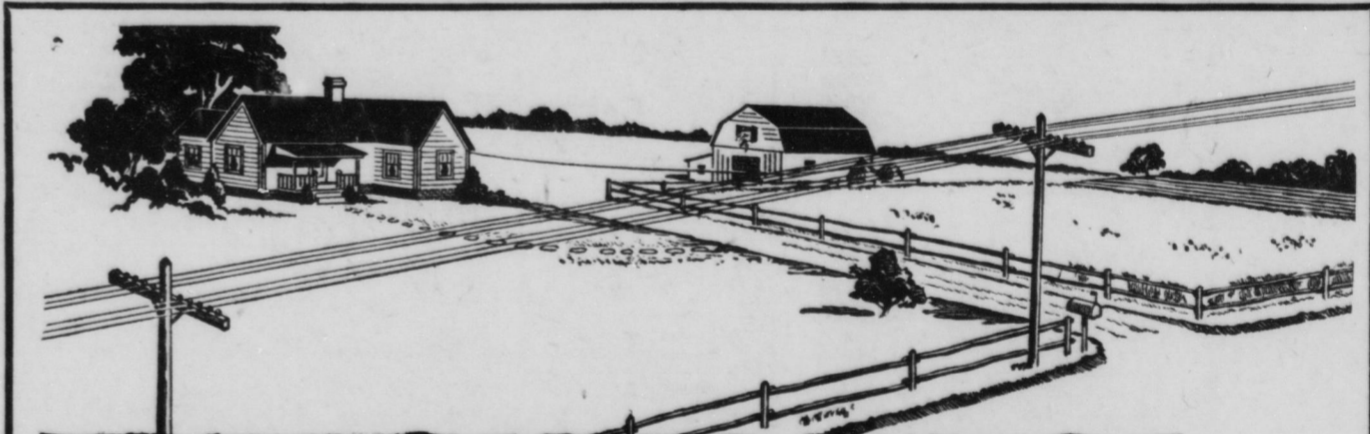
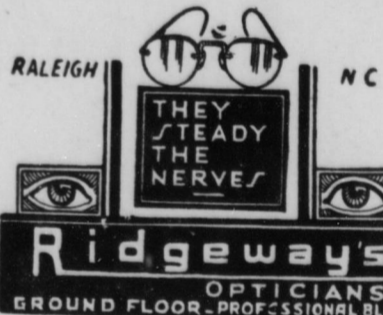
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In the meantime, we are furthering our efforts to provide increased and improved post-war farm telephone service through our research work and experience gained in new methods of construction, transmission and new developments in the art of communication.

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