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Americans Should Remember

Speaking at the dedication of a memorial to American prisoners slain by German S.S. troops during the Battle of the Bulge, Ambassador Charles Sawyer characterized the slayings as "one of the most senseless and brutal mass murders of Germany's heinous history."

"Once more," declares Mr. Sawyer, "we hear from those who are solicitous about our recent enemies and we talk about possible difficulties and disagreements as a trouble with our recent allies."

Save Your Savings

During the past three years according to an estimate of the Department of Commerce, individuals in the United States have saved around \$65,000,000,000 and the question that now interests economists is when will they begin to spend this enormous sum?

Obviously, when industry turns from the production of war goods to the creation of consumer goods, there will flow to the markets a mass of products for which the public has been waiting.

This explains, in part, why individuals who have purchased war bonds are now being advised by financial institutions and economists to hold their bonds to maturity.

Moreover, there is the reasonable prospect that most individuals will be able to buy a reasonable amount of consumer goods without sacrificing their savings, which should be retained for the proverbial rainy day.

It is quite possible that the people of this country do not yet appreciate the magnitude of the victory scored by American warships in the Pacific. In our pride over present-day achievements, we are prone to forget the many dangerous months during which our Navy operated in the Pacific with strength considerably inferior to that available to the enemy.

AN IMPORTANT MESSAGE FOR THOSE WHO ARE WAITING FOR TELEPHONES

With the war in Europe over, many people assume that there is ample telephone equipment to fill civilian orders. We wish that were true, but...

The factories that build telephone instruments and make wire and cable still are working practically full time on the communication needs of our fighters in the Pacific.

Even after we begin to receive the materials and equipment we need, it may take as long as two years before telephones can be installed generally without delay.

We will have to construct thousands of miles of wire and cable. Scores of central offices will have to be built or enlarged. Switchboards will have to be assembled and connected into the system, requiring billions of hand-soldered connections.

In the first five post-war years, Michigan Bell plans a \$120,000,000 expansion and improvement program which will enable us to supply service anywhere, at any time. Now, orders can be filled promptly only for telephones essential to the war, or to the public health, welfare or security.

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Educator Speaks The Truth

"Neither education nor government can be truly free so long as either is dominated and controlled by paid lobbyists and other representatives of special interest groups," declares Dr. Henry C. Rainey, former President of the University of Texas, who was discharged because he attempted to protect the rights of certain professors to state their views upon economic and social issues.

The educator calls attention to an evil which, unfortunately, exists in the United States and with which most Americans are thoroughly familiar. Too often official action by boards and legislative bodies is guided by lobbyists and pressure-groups.

Despite the proclamations about democracy that we often read, the United States operates under a form of representative government. Officials, elected or appointed, are supposed to represent the interests of the people as a whole and to base their action upon the general welfare.

Now is the time for Congress to submit to the people the question of confining Presidential life to two terms; Mexico once had a dictator, one President Porfirio Diaz, who held his office for over thirty years; it took a revolution to get him out.

Some people are inclined to make mountains of mole-hills, which is more than any respectable mole will do.

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Bringing It Home



Happenings of Long Ago

50 Years Ago Aug. 15, 1895 "There is no such medium for the spread of disease as the trailing skirt of our women. Think of it. The streets are filled with gowns. A woman comes along trailing a skirt and gathers them up. She goes home, takes the garment off and hangs it up in a closet. The warmth of the house causes the germs to multiply. The rest is easy. If legislation is necessary to make women wear a short skirt, then we should have the legislation."

"At the ball game last Saturday just after Charlie Toms had made his elegant long run fly catch and threw out a man to left at a double base, making as brilliant a double play as ever seen, the ladies in the grand stand presented him with a beautiful bouquet as evidence of their appreciation of his playing ability. Charlie was at bat as Miss Julie Russell made the presentation. He pleasantly acknowledged his thanks to the donor, gracefully lifted his cap to the grand stand people and then and there swiped the ball for a single, letting in a half dozen or more runs."

"Hurray for the ladies' excursion to Detroit and return August 16. For our round trip, adults, children 50c." "Don't forget that the birthday party and lawn fête on Friday evening, the 16th, will be at the hospitable home of Mr. and Mrs. Taylor."

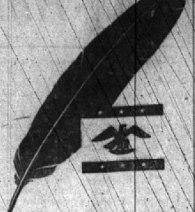
"For sale or rent: Peters' house and lot on Pierce street. An owner has moved away, his property will be sold very cheap."

"The local paper is supposed to print all the news, but if the publisher prints all the drunk scraps, family rackets, etc., what a howl there would be. You never know the value of the home paper until you want something left out of its columns!" "Their reserve deposits having reached such a size that it is considered unwise to express them the First State Saving Bank of Birmingham has arranged for an armored automobile to stop each month. The initial trip of the armored car was made to the bank last Monday."

"Trees in and around Birmingham were damaged severely, windows were broken in homes and business places, and the Detroit Edison service was impaired for several hours by the severe electrical wind storm which centered over Birmingham last Friday afternoon. Enormous trees that have stood for the greater part of a century were in many cases totally destroyed, while in numerous cases only one limb of a tree would be stripped away. It is estimated by manager Starr that the cost of trimming the broken trees on village property and putting them into proper shape will

Red Feather Will Be Symbol Used in Community Drive

A Red Feather will be used this year to symbolize the Community War Chest campaign.



ed this week. He also announced that the executive committee of the War Chest has set the 1945 campaign goal at \$8,450,333.

The Red Feather symbol, used in previous Community War Chest campaigns in nearly 140 cities throughout the country, has been adopted by Community Chest & Council, Inc., as a nationwide device to call attention to Chest campaigns.

This is the first time the symbol has been used here. The Red Feather will represent the Community War Chest and the services at Chest agencies.

There is historical significance in the symbol. For centuries red feathers have been used in different countries as symbols of valor and good deeds done. The Black Prince secured his when one of his knights performed an unusual feat of valor or chivalry, a red plume should be placed in his helmet. The Magyars used them as symbols of courage, believing that with their warriors could not fall. Many Indian tribes used large eagle feathers dyed vermilion to mark their most fearless and mighty braves.

Dates for the Community War Chest drive are Oct. 8-31.

No. 48,357 STATE OF MICHIGAN: The Probate Court for Oakland County.

At a session of said Court, held at the Probate Office in the City of Birmingham, Michigan, on the 15th day of July, A. D. 1945.

Present: Hon. Arthur E. Moore, Judge of Probate.

In the Matter of the Estate of Jessie K. Wis, Deceased.

Low E. Joslyn, Jr., administrator with Will Annexed of said estate, having filed said estate a petition praying that the time for the presentation of claims against said estate be extended to a time and place to be appointed to receive, examine and adjust all claims and demands against said deceased by and before said court.

It is Ordered, that two months from the date of the above recited petition, to-wit: the 15th day of October, 1945, at eight o'clock in the forenoon, of said date, said administrator do give notice of the said adjournment of said claims against said deceased.

ARTHUR E. MOORE, Probate Attorney at Law, 1719 Holt Building, Detroit 26, Michigan.

19-26-21

ARRIVES FROM EUROPE Sgt. John N. Eastie, for months with the 20th Armored Division in Europe, is spending a 30-day furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Eastie, 371 Linden road. He will report at Camp Grant, Illinois, at the conclusion of his furlough. His brother, Lt. Richard Eastie, who was home on a short leave from the Northwest Army Hospital at Gretna, Hope, Ark., has returned to duty.

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