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Soldiers Come Home Slowly In connection with the redeployment of our soldiers from Europe and the Far East, it is necessary to remind interested Americans that the end of the war with Japan will not greatly facilitate the return of service men from foreign areas.

This process is now going on at the utmost speed being limited only by the amount of shipping available. Even so, it will require at least six months to complete the return of our soldiers from Europe. Presumably, a similar period will be necessary in connection with soldiers who can be released from the Pacific theater.

In addition, the nation will require the service of between 1,000,000 and 2,000,000 soldiers for the temporary occupation of enemy countries. This process is a part of the war itself and while the duty of individuals, making up the occupational forces will be onerous and somewhat unenviable, nevertheless they will be serving their country if they stay abroad.

The presumption is strong that our high command, which has given every evidence of deep concern about the safety and comfort of service men, will make every effort to speed their return into civilian life. There is certainly no reason to suspect our generals and admirals have any desire to unduly prolong the service of their veterans.

Utilizing Atomic Power The explosion of the first atomic bomb to destroy Hiroshima, Japan, also unleashed the imaginations of many people in this country. Some are already predicting that utilization of the process will result in transforming everything connected with the use of power.

This is said without any intention of deriding the predictions which, in most cases, will come true some day. Nevertheless, William B. Stout, automotive engineer, points out, long study and experimentation lie ahead of any practical application of the atom as a source of power.

Mr. Stout admits that he expects "to see gasoline used as long as I live" to propel automobiles, but insists that the possibility of atomic power means even more to peacetime progress than to warfare. He foresees an automobile engine no bigger than a man's fist and says that the future will see ships, planes, railway trains and other transportation propelled by energy secured from atoms.

Mr. Stout says it is too early to speculate on the use of atomic power because of the danger involved. Lack of knowledge of how to control the energy of the atom prevents the immediate utilization of the great power but, eventually, mankind will receive vast benefits from its discovery and utilization.

According to Dr. W. Lloyd Kemp, local politician, what America needs as much as anything else is the restoration of the old rocking chair in every home. He believes it uses the best way for dissipating human restlessness.

If everybody attended to work with the same enthusiasm that they take in holiday there is no telling how much we could accomplish.

SOME BOASTFUL PEOPLE ARE WORTH all their boasting—what is what?

WATCH FOR FIRES Michigan is entering the period of greatest forest fire hazard—late August and September—with risks reduced to the lowest point in several seasons. Heavier-than-usual precipitation during June raised ground water levels in northern counties and encouraged lush growth of June grass that is still green. Although the 18,807-acre August and September fire risk is larger total than on any corresponding date since 1939—due to increased precipitation during June—14,000 acres in the first two weeks of the fire season last spring—1945's total loss may be held to relatively low figure. The so-called "Fireweek" for the first week of May, 1939, burned around 38,000 acres.

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1. Who is Edward L. Cushman? 2. Who is Naruhiko Higashi-Kuni? 3. Who is Dr. Vanover Bush? 4. Who is Esther Williams?

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Compulsory Physical Training

Cornell University announces the adoption of a permanent compulsory physical training program for freshmen and sophomores who will be required to devote three hours weekly to some sport.

The idea is "to make such training enjoyable rather than a chore" by emphasizing games and particularly carry-over sports beneficial to health after graduation.

We call attention to the action of this university because the number of men and women rejected for the armed forces reveal the necessity of greater attention to physical development in our schools and colleges.

The program announced at Cornell is along the right line, because it attempts to enlist the pleasurable interest of participants in the various sports and because the student, upon leaving the University, will be able to enjoy participation in the sports in which he has acquired some proficiency.

Other schools and colleges would do well to follow the example set by Cornell which is, after all, along the lines of the physical educational program installed in the schools of Washington some years ago.

"Topped Them All" The people of this country, reading about the astonishing exploits of carrier-based planes, should not take it for granted that the carrier aircraft were on a parade.

British and American airmen who swarmed over Tokyo to batter air defenses and attack the remnants of the Japanese Navy report the heaviest anti-aircraft fire of the Pacific war.

"I'll never talk about the old days after this," declared one veteran. "This one topped them all."

What happens to the economic structure of the United States depends largely upon the intelligence of the people, which means your intelligence.

The war was won by teamwork, including the fighting services and all those who aided the war effort on the home front. Why can't we continue that cooperation?

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Oh, What a Blessed Relief



Happenings of Long Ago 50 YEARS AGO August 22, 1895 "One of the pleasantest and most restful trips for a day's outing, is on the Star Gole steamer Greyhound to Port Huron and return. Only costs a dollar from Detroit and the day will always be remembered as one of the pleasantest and invigorating little episodes in a life which is apt to be too much given up to money getting."

5 YEARS AGO August 22, 1940 "Birmingham's new theatre appeared to become a certainty when excavations were begun this week at the site, 337 South Woodward avenue, between the bus station and McCallum's garage."

Suspicious Symptom Hosely Nurse—Oh, matron, I think I ought to tell you that Patient No. 4 just tried to kiss me. Matron—Tried to kiss me? Good gracious, take his temperature at once.

30 YEARS AGO August 21, 1915 "Damage amounting to \$6,500 resulted from a fire of unknown origin which destroyed seventeen valuable dogs and the kennels on the Baumrae farm, a mile west of Birmingham, off Maple road, last Sunday night. Five full grown show dogs and three litter of puppies, belonging to W. J. Baumgartner, owner of the kennels, were included in the loss besides four dogs that were temporarily boarding on the farm. The loss was only partly covered by insurance."

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People's Column

Dear Sir: To The Editor: In the recent issue of the Eccentric, you told of the success of the International Clothing Drive which was held during April and early May of this year. The war is now over but the clothing will be utilized as it was intended by those made destitute as a result of war and its effects.

Then it had to be taken to a central location and Peabody Bros' warehouse was used. There were six different classifications into which the material had to be sorted and this sorting of almost two carloads of material was done by women workers headed by Mrs. O. L. Andrews. The groups who worked day after day for about a month came from the MOMS Club, First Presbyterian church, First Baptist church, Embury Methodist church, St. James Episcopal church, First Methodist church, Holy Name church and Birmingham Women's Club.

The back-breaking job of loading cars and trucks was done by the Department of Public Works men and the Lions Club. The drive was completed on time and as far as we know this is a record. As usual the good people of Birmingham did their job in an outstanding way and can be proud of their contribution.

His Favorite Gift Tommy—That month when you gave me for my birthday is easily the best present I've ever had, Uncle—I'm glad to hear that. Tommy—Yes, mother gives me a surprise a week not to play it.

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