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A "fair price for farmers must depend upon the standard of living that farmers are to enjoy. If this is to be on a parity with workers in other economic lines, such as carpenters, brickheyers, organized labor, etc., the prices of agricultural products must move upward.

If outstanding and successful farmers are to have the opportunity to enjoy incomes that compare with professional men, of the same relative standard in their economic fields, then agricultural prices will be much higher. If top-agriculturalists are to have the remotest opportunity of equaling the alaries that large industries pay to their executives the key will have to be the limit on the prices to be paid for farm products.

Good Senator Arthur H. Vandenherg, of Michigan, discussing the relationship between the United States and the new world security organization, suggests that this cointry accept, in connection with other American nations, "The exclusive responsibility for any armed forces require to maintain peace and security in the Western Hemisphere."

This suggestion will undoubtedly meet with the approval of the people of this country, who, as the Senator says, do not want "any other armed forces to enter this area." Moreover, in view of the general approval of regional associations among the nations of the world, there seems to be a solid basis for the realization of the Vandenherg suggestion.

The Congress of the United States is conrosen of human beings, elected by the people
of the several States; each member of Congress is a human being, some are able, some
not; some are selfish, some are not; some are
wise, some are foolish... etc., etc. Now, after
all, isn't Congress merely a cross section of the
whole population? So, Folks, don't expect
miracles from Washington.

WAR BORS HAVE A BENEFICIAL IMPACT UPON the scientific and manufacturing progress of human beings. (This is saide from war's disastrous effects upon life and property, of course.) War enables man to produce more and more of everything, thus presenting man with more problems as to how to distribute more and more of everything more equitably to all.

The most important job before a thankful nation is the creation of jobs for all return-ing service men; gratifude may be appre-ciated but men home from the wars will want to support their families.

The atomic bomb may be a miracle to some people but to scientists who unravelled the secrets of nature it represents the reward that always accompanies perseverance and intelligence, skilfully utilized.

With millions of worn out automobiles on the highways we suggest that owners ob-serve traffic rules designed to save human life. The admonition might apply to you, too.

Why Live
Longer?

New knowledge in the field of nutrition, according to specialists, can increase the average life span seven years and, in addition, ward off disease and sentility. This will be good news to persons who are yearning for long life and anxious to remain on the globe as long as possible. All that is necessary is to understand the nature of foods and the needs of the normal human bedy and govern your appetite accordingly.

The question arises, however, why measure-life by length of years. Some citizens live longer in three years than their neighbors in ten, and others accomplish as much in two years as their competitors in twelve. The years of one's life are valuable, it is true, but we might as well begin to make full use of those that we enjoy. In so doing we will, very probably, assure ourselves of others that we might not otherwise have.

JAPANESE EFFORTS TO CONTION. A LARGE PART of the people on this earth were as weak, finally, as the lack of intelligence that planned the conquest. The Jap. true, is a human being capable of development toward decent citizen in the superior of the providence of the last proved himself too close a relative of the beast of the jungle, and therefore must be kept confined.

The cooperation of Great Britain and the United States in warfare was the main hope of the world in the dark days between Sept. 1939 and Aug. 1945; the same cooperation remains the hope of free peoples everywhere.

THE ONLY REAL WAY TO OLD AGE SECURITY IS TO spend less than you carn, and invest such sav-ings wisely. Government security is never more than a very leaky umbrella for a day.

Three surprises of the war, so far as we are concerned: (1) the failure of the French army, supposedly the strongest in the world; (2) Hitlers attack upon Russia and (3) the invasion of France in 1944 instead of 1943.

MICHIGAN SHOULD FEEL GRATEFUL TO JUDGE CARR and Khu Sigler for their successful efforts this far to bring to justice offenders against the people of the State of Michigan. You'll hear more from them as the months go by.

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Happenings of Long Ago

50 YEARS AGO September 5, 1895

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"After spending several delight."

"After spending several delightful months abroad, Mr. and Mrs.

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YEARS AGO

September 5, 1940

"Installation of officers will take place next. Wednesday venning, September 11, for the newly-elect of officials of Charles Edwards Fost, American Legion.

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