

Work Pile News—

"It makes no difference who gets the credit so long as the work is done"

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Program Paper Available

Ask for program paper No. 626 if you want to see how one club went about selling the Work Pile to its members. This paper is really a complete program based on one used in Geneva, New York. It is made up of several short talks designed to be given by different members of the committee in charge of the Work Pile project in the club.

"Welcome, Soldier, Here's a Job"

To the Rotarians of Windsor, Ontario, Roy Plumb, of R.I.'s postwar committee, interpreted the Work Pile plan as a practical and workable means to meet a service obligation to the returning soldier.

Getting the Check Sheets Out to Householders

Two novel ways of getting the Work Pile survey check sheets into the hands of householders are reported by Governor Harry Smith of District 167 (Florida).

The Rotary Club of Vero Beach has arranged with the county assessor to enclose its check sheets in the envelopes carrying tax notices to local property owners.

The Rotary Club of Fort Pierce found its local utility company eager to cooperate by sending the check sheets out with its monthly statements.

Double Obligation

The "Spoke" of the Rotary Club of Rochester says: "A Rotarian has a double obligation to know about and to participate in plans for the postwar period. As a citizen he aids the efforts of his community through the committee for economic development; as a Rotarian he works for the establishment of a Work Pile."



Let's

Think Straight

on This

THERE isn't plenty of time to get going on a Work Pile survey. The club that thinks it will take up the Work Pile project "some-time next year" is deluding itself and short-changing its community and its boys who are at the front. That thinking leads straight into the familiar "too little too late."

Of course we are busy! The man worth-while has twice the responsibilities he might choose for himself. But this Work Pile is a **MUST**. Self interest, if you want to look at it that way, demands that we get busy, and **NOW**.

Nor does the fact that the Chamber of Commerce, or the C.E.D. has a postwar planning program locally, provide an "out" for the Rotary club.

The Work Pile carries planning for postwar jobs right down to the grass roots. It makes the responsibility of the individual citizen clear and it shows him that

he **CAN** do something about it. The educational and psychological effect of a consumer survey is invaluable to the planning of big industry and business. Here's where the Rotary club comes in. It can take the initiative to cause the Work Pile to be *added* to the set-up already active in the community, whether through the chamber, the C.E.D., or other group. The big dividend, of course, is that the survey will provide a tremendous back-log of work which will be available immediately to the returning service men and the disemployed war workers.

Let's not procrastinate. Rotary's responsibility is clear. I know every club will respond.

To Help Rotarians Who Carry the Load

If a member of your club is chairman of a postwar planning body—*not* of the Rotary club—please send to the R.I. Secretariat his name and address and describe the planning group he serves as chairman. This will make it possible for these Rotarian chairmen of civic, county, province or state, or regional committees to contact each other concerning their respective activities—

all to the eventual benefit of sound-and-sane planning for jobs for the postwar period.

For a Slogan

In Ligonier, Pennsylvania, the Rotary club committee has proposed to the club board a contest in the local high school (with prizes) for a slogan in order to pave the way for the Work Pile survey. Some consideration is being given to the possible desirability of developing a local name for the project.