

# Progress — on the Work Pile



SERVICE ABOVE SELF — HE PROFITS MOST WHO SERVES BEST

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

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## Great Progress

It would not be possible for anyone to see the correspondence and the bulletins that come to me from Rotary clubs and district governors in North America and in the southern hemisphere without being tremendously impressed with the progress of the Work Pile project.

Thousands of communities are going to be ready with jobs for their boys and girls in the service when the war ends. These jobs will carry these young people over the reconversion period. The plans include, of course, similar jobs to bridge over that period for the disemployed civilian workers. Think what the cumulative effect of this is going to

be on the economic condition of each country,—and of the world!

Each week brings new evidence of the applicability of the essential elements of the Work Pile project to communities of all sizes and kinds, whether they be located in Australia, in Southern Africa, in Canada, the U.S.A., or elsewhere.

My appeal to Rotary club officers is: Let it not be said at the close of your term that the Rotary club has not succeeded in arousing its community to the need for a complete Work Pile survey which will reach every family in order that all may cooperate toward assuring adequate employment for those first difficult months following the war.

## College Women Canvassing

The Rotary Club of Glens Falls, New York, reports that in the Work Pile survey, largely sparked, guided and manned by Rotarians, fifty women from Skidmore College's Department of Business and Sociology will spend a week canvassing the community so as to reach every family, if humanly possible. At the same time the Glens Falls Area Committee for Economic Development will be conducting a survey among manufacturers to obtain an estimate of the number of jobs available in the plants after the war and the time required for them to reach full production on a peacetime basis.

## Community Cooperation

As a result of the initiative taken by the Rotary Club of High Point, North Carolina, postwar planning work in that community is progressing in a highly successful manner with wholehearted cooperation among the service clubs, the C.E.D., the Chamber of Commerce, and the school authorities.

Concurrently with the C.E.D. survey of industries, some 700 high school students are canvassing all householders, "applying" (as stated by the secretary of the Chamber of Commerce) "the Work Pile idea of Rotary International."

The survey among householders will be followed up immediately with a similar inquiry among stores and offices. The secretary of the Chamber of Commerce points out that the total figures will be of importance to three C.E.D. subcommittees on distribution, construction, and services.

## Placing Returning Veterans

In Bristol, Connecticut, the Rotary club is assisting the community-wide committee on postwar planning by taking over one branch of the work, namely that of trying to place returning veterans and acting as an advisory staff to help these veterans reestablish themselves in the community. The government has permitted the local draft board to furnish the Rotary club committee with the names of veterans returning to town. The club committee writes to each such veteran, sending a questionnaire which, when filled out and returned, is referred to a member of the Rotary club whose name, at the same time, is given to the veteran in question as a source of help to him.

## 86 Work Pile Leaders

In San Jose, California, the Work Pile project is a community plan headed by a general committee of 86 citizens under the general chairmanship of a member of the Rotary Club of San Jose. Their slogan is "Greet Johnny with a Job—Help Build the Work Pile."

The Chamber of Commerce announced that early returns totaled nearly eight million dollars but expected that figure to be much higher when final returns are totaled.

Advanced students of two high schools made the house-to-house canvass to gather the survey blanks.

Five subcommittees are handling the surveys among (A) industry, (B) business, (C) public buildings, (D) residential households, (E) rural territory.

*Jobs to bridge the reconversion period*