

Planning in Australia

Rotarian R. C. Hancock of Brisbane, Australia, governor of District 56, in addressing his clubs has pointed to a tendency in these days to set up bureaucracies which, as he says, "filch away authority and control from private enterprise. Some governmental control," he adds, "is, at a time like this, imperative for obvious reasons, but one foresees a great danger in these growing to such proportions as to become unwieldy and uneconomic."

"Private enterprise," he continued, "has shown out marvelously in assisting the war effort in the production of armaments, ammunition, planes, and ships."

"It is difficult to understand that enterprise of this nature so frequently attracts a certain hostility from some quarters, even though such benefits constantly accrue to these very critics."

"One of the first important considerations in planning is to assure to men the right to develop their own lives... it behooves us in our early planning to make provision for those who are securing for us the worth-while things for which we are fighting."

"There is an opportunity for every Rotarian to take his place at the head of the things that need to be done to furnish leadership instead of hoping and praying for it."

"Each community has opportunities to study and consider its own local and immediate problems. . . . Could we not foster the establishment of a public committee of the leading men who could link up with Rotarians to make a survey of local needs when peace comes? . . . We cannot start too soon to estimate requirements and have our organizations ready to tackle the job. If we do not plan on lines of this nature we shall certainly be caught napping and have to deal with a chaotic state of things. Here is planning for any small community."

In Pulaski, Tennessee —

—the Rotary club has arranged with the county school supervisor, from the Chamber of Commerce, to have the survey forms delivered to the schools of the county. The forms will be delivered to the parents by the pupils, returned to the school supervisor, and then go back to the committee. This will be preceded by about four large advertisements in the two community papers to acquaint the public with the aims of the Rotary club.

In Southern Africa —

—the official journal of the Rotary clubs south of the equator carries to all Rotarians the recommendation that Rotary clubs form committees which will initiate a campaign for making an inventory of deferred wants and services, which citizens of the community are planning to care for as soon as the war is over, so that the jobs represented by these needs can be made available to returning servicemen. The magazine points out that "A lot of cooperation and planning would be necessary, but it could be done." The district governor states "that Rotary clubs can get busy and it is none too soon to make a start."

In Robersonville, North Carolina —

—the first 25 returns in the Work Pile survey conducted by this club in its community of some 1,500 inhabitants showed a pent-up demand for goods and services valued at almost \$74,000 which the individuals reported they were financially able to handle. This included outside painting, inside decorating, remodeling, plumbing and heating equipment, furniture and furnishings, household appliances, farm carts and wagons, farm implements, etc. These same 25 returns showed an estimated additional demand for 49 men beyond those at present employed.

In Windsor Locks, Connecticut —

—the Rotary club, whose members are drawn from Suffield and Windsor Locks, is sponsoring a survey in these two communities in cooperation with the American Legion, the Lions Clubs, the Chamber of Commerce, the C.E.D., and the War Council to learn what work is to be available to supply jobs right after the war. Questionnaires are being mailed to all persons in the area to learn their deferred needs which they are going to fill right after the war. A general committee, formed from representatives of the various groups participating, is going to carry out the survey.

In Jamestown, North Dakota —

—the Rotary club has accepted the responsibility for one part of the postwar planning for jobs for returning servicemen and war workers

Results in Colton, California

The community-wide organization set up for the purpose in Colton, California, has completed its Work Pile survey. The results are impressive. Here are some of the tabulated totals for this community of upwards of 10,000 (1940 census):

New Residence and Repairs

197—new residence	92—new garage
113—add one, or more rooms to present dwelling	73—new plumbing
70—modernize home completely	181—painting
	69—roof repairs
	56—wiring or outlets
	66—fixtures

New Furniture and Household Furnishings

143—new furniture for entire house	267—blankets or comforts
112—furniture for living room	387—sheets
76—furniture for dining room	354—pillow cases
134—furniture for bedroom	189—table linen
63—furniture for kitchen	223—drapes
46—furniture for den or spare room	183—lace curtains
282—rugs	219—window shades
144—floor or table lamps	136—bed
21—tea wagon	194—mattress
141—chairs	100—dresser
	85—dining table
	71—bookcase
	54—chest
	126—overstuffed suite or pieces
	113—china

Electric and Gas Appliances

87—electric range	107—waffle iron
262—radio	97—heater (elec.)
180—refrigerator	121—gas range
226—washer	34—refrigerator (gas)
117—ironer	65—heater (gas)
46—percolator	115—water heater
143—iron	
142—toaster	

Hardware

87—mechanic's tools	38—cutlery
161—garden tools	196—lawnmower
289—garden hose	50—pottery

Concrete Products

108—sidewalks or curbing	43—irrigation system
56—foundation	

Automobiles

280—new automobiles	196—tires
89—complete overhaul	77—battery

Jewelry

159—watches	48—jewelry
249—clocks	35—cutglass
177—silverware	

Toilet Articles

73—dresser set	236—hot water bottles, gloves, and similar rubber goods
65—perfume	
73—mirror	

Clothing

389—women or girls	196—lingerie
351—men or boys	194—elastic girdles or foundations
126—children	397—hosiery
349—shoes	
52—fur coat	

during the reconversion period. Each Rotarian was made responsible for contacting nine business firms and following up to get their personnel plans for the immediate postwar period.