

# Work Pile News—



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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## 161 Additional Jobs

Returns from the first 24 members of the Rotary Club of Roswell, New Mexico, list 161 jobs for which they are planning to employ that many additional men when the war closes. The largest single group is farm help.

These 24 Rotarians also list an average of \$82,225 apiece (a total of \$1,973,400) worth of improvements planned for their places of business, and repairs and additions planned for their homes. Here are the details:

### Places of Business:

- \$ 11,000 for outside painting
- 28,000 for inside decoration
- 37,000 additional space
- 43,000 for equipment
- 1,819,000 buildings, machinery, etc.
- 2,500 miscellaneous

### Residences:

- \$ 1,100 outside painting
- 1,000 inside decoration
- 1,000 plumbing and heating equipment
- 3,200 additions
- 7,100 repairs and replacements
- 19,500 new homes

The survey results have been turned over to the postwar planning committee of the Chamber of Commerce as a nucleus for their survey.

## In Chula Vista, California—

—the Rotary club "primed" the Work Pile idea, and, as they say, "it grew from there." The club contacted other local organizations explaining the Work Pile project and induced each to appoint a member for the general community committee. The Work Pile has grown as a snowball. Aside from small items from individual householders and merchants, impressive construction projects needed by the community have been put on the planning board. The club reports great satisfaction with the manner in which the whole community is supporting the Work Pile survey.

## In India—

—District Governors Foot (District 88) and Rama Rau (District 91) have brought the Work Pile project to the notice of their club officers as a challenge to the leadership of Rotary in India. Governor Foot points out that it is not an easy task nor one quickly accomplished, and hence it is all the more important to start it immediately. Governor Rama Rau emphasizes the effect on the boy in the armed services and states he is planning for discussion of the subject at the forthcoming district conference.

## Using Survey Results

Some Rotary clubs ask, "How are we going to use the results of our Work Pile surveys?"

An answer is provided by the Rotary Club of Savanna, Illinois, which at the same time shows how the Work Pile project *starts to operate* effectively as soon as the tabulated results are available.

When local businessmen in Savanna learned that a tabulation of the Work Pile survey results had been made, they eagerly sought copies of the figures so that they might adjust their own plans and purchases accordingly, for the immediate postwar period. These adjustments touch the wholesaler, the broker, and eventually the manufacturer, thus influencing the plans of these sources of supply.

This suggests that the first step after completing the tabulation of the survey results is to make the tabulation available to interested local businessmen. They then know what possibilities there are for getting business right after the war. Thus they can determine how many jobs they can provide. There is no guarantee of the figures. No favorites are played. There is only an indication that a certain amount of business is to be had in the city and in the surrounding rural territory.

## 7 Projects

The Work Pile activity of the Rotary Club of Neillsville, Wisconsin, has developed into seven projects on which the Rotary club is working with cooperation from city officials and others. These are:

1. City Planning
  - a. New high school building—\$250,000
  - b. 5-year program the city has for paving and for filtration plant.
2. County Planning
  - a. Forestry program to employ 50 men full time, plus as many as revenue from wood and timber sales permit.
  - b. 5-year road and building program
3. Reemployment Needs of Men and Women Now in Service
4. Work Pile Survey of Equipment and Remodeling Needs of Business Houses
5. Work Pile Survey of New Building Construction and Repair
6. Work Pile Survey Among Householdors for Consumer Needs and Property Repairs
7. Work Pile Survey Among Farmers

The census figures give Neillsville a population of some 2600.

## In Brunswick, Maine

—the Rotary club sponsored a special Town Meeting at which a committee was appointed to carry out a Work Pile survey. The new committee is actively engaged in working out the project on a community-wide basis.

## In Tunica, Mississippi—

—the 50 members of the Rotary club are personally making a Work Pile survey among the householders in the city and throughout the rural sections of the entire county. As reported by the press, Tunica should be able to provide adequate employment in farm work when the war ends, but they want to do more—they want to learn what the community's deferred wants are so that distributors and manufacturers can have the information and plan their jobs accordingly.