

# Work Pile News—

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

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## "Only 21 Days"

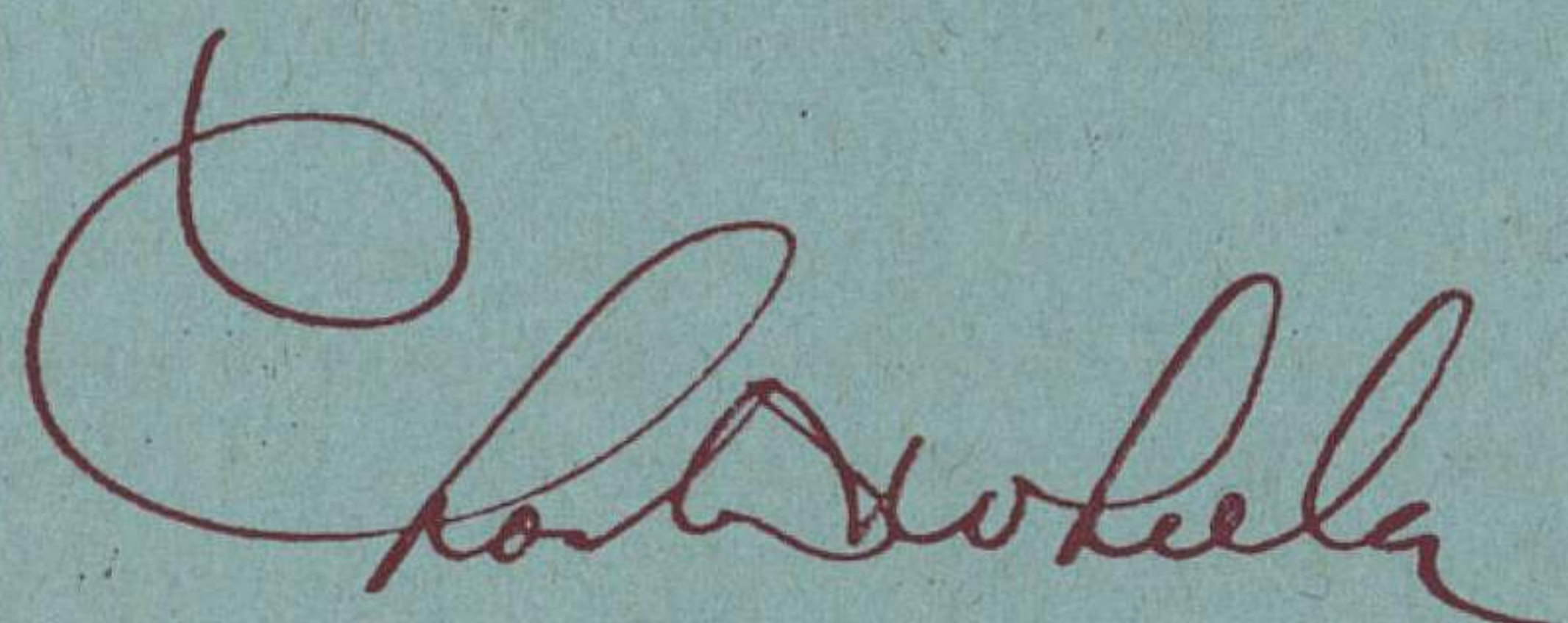
FROM a veteran of a Pacific invasion, to the people of his home town of Gilmer, Texas: "The Japs are mean fighters . . . The battle lasted only 21 days but my company was in it the full 21 days, and that is a long, continuous battle . . . Can't say I'm ready for another, but if another battle or two will end this war and we can return home, I would say, 'Let's get it over with' . . . Every soldier is looking to the day when he can go home. Hell, no one is expecting to get killed. So, open up those jobs—we are coming through in a big way one of these days."

There's the challenge! "Another battle or two"—"Open up those jobs." Where do we stand here at home? Are we all set to "open up those jobs" when the local boys come home? Or is it going to take "another battle or two" for the Rotary club to sell other groups in town on the need for ACTION NOW on a complete survey of the Work Pile type?

Our boys out there don't hanker for more battles; they want to get the job done. Back home no one hankers to make a Work Pile survey, but how else can you in your town "open up those jobs" the minute your local boys return?

This project calls for Rotary leadership. No club can fail to provide it NOW and continuously till the town can say to its boys over there: **THE JOBS ARE READY.**

"Open Up Those Jobs".



## What Will the Need Be?

The Rotary Club of Randolph, Vermont, decided that before undertaking a consumer survey they first would obtain specific information regarding likely needs of returning servicemen, and later consider problems which returning war workers might present. The club committee wrote to the families of the servicemen in the Randolph area explaining their project and asking for information about the servicemen, and the probable postwar status of each.

Their next step is to canvass all employers to learn whether returning servicemen can count on getting their jobs back; that will reveal how much work must be uncovered through canvassing householders, merchants, village authorities, farmers and others.

Finally the club will establish a clearing house where returning servicemen can be helped.

## 4500 Jobs in Two Weeks

Within a week the 371 Rotarians of Portland, Oregon, contacted 2,000 business houses, requesting that they complete and return the Work Pile survey questionnaire which had been mailed to them. The first 550 questionnaires returned (by the end of the second week) averaged \$7,000,000.00 in work and the employment of 4500 additional people. The Chamber of Commerce is tabulating the results.

The Rotarians will contact another 2,000 business houses soon; and then the remainder.

Then the next step will be to contact **every home in the city**, through the assistance of 4,000 block wardens.

## Work for Partially Disabled Veterans

The Rotary Club of Bellefonte, Pennsylvania, has proposed to the community two projects to be reserved for partially disabled veterans while they are getting themselves adjusted to new conditions after their release from the services.

The first project is a plan already drawn up for tree-planting, additions, and protection—all for the beautification of the community.

The second project is a complete renumbering system for the residential and business sections of the community.

## What the Progress Reports Show

An analysis of Progress Reports from some 700 Rotary clubs in Canada and the U.S.A. received during December revealed the following facts:

58 per cent of these clubs were active on the Work Pile project.

27 per cent were only beginning to give it consideration.

4 per cent were postponing to January their decision on what action to take.

11 per cent had given the project some consideration but had taken no action.

Of the clubs working actively on the project:

49 per cent were cooperating with the local Chamber of Commerce, Board of Trade, or C.E.D.

42½ per cent were cooperating with or receiving the cooperation of other groups in the community.

8½ per cent were handling the project alone because of absence of other organizations to participate.