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## LOTS OF PENSIONS.

World War II's crop of pensioners is growing fast. Last year 336,163 were put on the pension list, 6,000 more than the number of living pensioned veterans from all our previous wars put together. And the war has not yet been ended a year. The ultimate number of veterans compensated for disability will be up in the millions.

Another sure thing is that many will be on the lists well into the 21st century. Though the civil war ended over 80 years ago, 229 northern soldiers are, according to the Veterans Administration, still receiving pensions. And there is even one left from the war of 1812, 88-year-old Mrs. Esther Morgan, daughter of a New York militiaman.

No one begrudges compensation to soldiers injured in the service of their country, but it is going to come high and last long. Taxpayers might as well resign themselves. It's another reason for preventing wars.

## LOST SIMPLICITY.

The dangers of primitive life came mainly from simplicity. Men had few tools or none, and had to get along with instruments and

procedures that often baffled them and held them back.

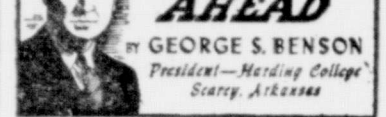
Perhaps the dangers and troubles of present-day life came largely from an opposite cause. We have so many instruments and procedures that we tend to get started up with them, or to lose our way among them. Such a strange and potent thing as atomic energy, for instance, even while it may eventually offer easement of life in many ways, puzzles the mind of the novice.

Science goes too fast for us. Then there are the questions of morals, often still more difficult.

We used to have our lives neatly arranged in a few simple patterns of religion, scholarship, art, love, and so on, but now they seem to grow more and more confused. Who can tell what the end will be?

Will our minds grow more powerful from the exercise of efforts to cope with the new problems?

When our minds grow more powerful from the exercise of efforts to cope with the new problems?



### LOOKING AHEAD

by GEORGE S. BENSON  
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#### A SERMON.

America has three big F's. They stand for farm, factory and fin-

ance. They cover the nation and make it what it is.

You may be neither a farmer, a factory worker nor a financier, but, if not, you are probably so dependent on one of the three groups that you are one with it, in thought and aim.

There are exceptions, but the big F's tie in all of us but a small minority.

In the matter of stability, the three F's are as dependent on each other as the legs of a stool. If one goes down, they all topple.

Neither of these big groups of people can enjoy prosperity long unless the others likewise prosper. And here is a wonder of all time: Why are these three classes suspicious of each other? Why do they so consistently work against each other?

#### Farmers' Markets

When is the agricultural industry prosperous? The answer is plain to any observing farmer: Farmers have a quick market for all they produce, at good prices, only when factory workers are very largely employed at good wages. Laborers constitute a big class and they work hard. When they have good jobs they eat well, cover their tables with the best of what farmers sell.

Here is where the preaching starts: Since farm prosperity depends on good wages at factories, it is in every farmer's interest to work for the healthy welfare of labor. Why then does the political Farm Bloc concern itself so avidly with class legislation instead of working for the thing that always helps the farmer—namely, labor's sound advancement?

#### Workmen's Pay.

This is definitely a Christian teaching. The illustrious Paul, who wrote most of the New Testament, said "Do not take account of your own interests, but the interests of others as well." Moreover the rule is not confined to the farm for its application. It is just as righteous and just as practical for the use of working men who want to improve their living standards. Thus:

When do laborers enjoy steady work at high wages? Every thinking worker knows the answer.

Labor prospers when men of wealth put out their money, expanding old businesses and building new ones. Of course it is for their own gain but it pays the workers. Mystery: Why don't labor's leaders do their best to make investments attractive? Such strategy would pay rich and direct returns. It is the only way to higher and higher wages.

#### And Profits Too.

Returns to employers respond to the same rule. Factory owners sell 80 per cent of all they make to laborers and farmers. These men wear good clothes, drive good cars and modernize their homes

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If the three big F's would look out for one another; if employers never exploited labor; if farmers did not envy capitalists; if workers never used intimidation, prosperity would certainly follow. It would be for us all.

The code that Jesus upheld in the Sermon on the Mount 2,000 years ago is still good. Communism, envy, greed and violence can't live in the climate with applied Christianity.



GET NEW JOBS—Vice Adm. Alan G. Kirk, top, has been nominated by President Truman to fill post of Ambassador to Belgium and Minister to Luxembourg. Rear Adm. Earl W. Mills, bottom, has been named chairman of the U.S. Maritime Commission. (Navy photos from Acme).

## POLITICAL.

The Cisco Daily Press is authorized to announce the following candidates for the offices under which their names appear, subject to the action of Democratic voters at the primaries to be held Saturday, July 27:

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P. L. Crossley (re-election)
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