



"WILL I COME MARCHING HOME TO A WORTH WHILE JOB?"



"I'm just a G.I.—fighting for you...for a decent world
... for a sound America.
Some day, I hope, I will come marching home.
What will I find?"



Will he find a strong America where he will have a chance to go to work and earn dollars which are worth while? Or will he just march from wartime hell to peacetime hell?

Our GIs are thinking like that and asking those questions. Cpl. John T. Irby in two letters written on June 19th phrases in one a series of questions of which the key-note is the caption which heads this column - "Will I Come Marching Home to a Worth While Job?"—and in the other letter he offers very sensible advice to GIs to prepare themselves for the peace as they have for war.

To The Scotch Plainsman:

"Scotch Plains has a large number of men in the service who are looking forward to return some day. We like our little town and have a lot of respect for it.

"I am one of a thousand who, now that one phase of the war is over, stop and think, "What will become of our Town?" and have a number of other questions to ask.

"We are wondering will it ever become more of a business and occupation district. We will want jobs. Will we be able to find them in our own town? Will we be able to find jobs which we are equipped to fill? Will we find them in Scotch Plains or will we have to travel a good distance to get work?

John Irby's second letter is an open letter to Scotch Plains' GIs, particularly colored GIs, urging them to take advantage of the opportunity to obtain some specialized technical training under the Army educational program. The advice is sound and we endorse it.

To The Scotch Plainsman:

"Here's something I have in mind that I think every serviceman should have and take advantage of.

"We are still in the Army and the end of the war is in view. Now is the time to make

"I understand that Scotch Plains and Fanwood have a Veterans' Service Center. Will that be of any help to us in getting a job?

"Will the Township be able to build better roads, etc., in order to give a man a job and enable him to show the people what he can accomplish?

"Will the people of District 4 have a more modern community to live in?

"Will better roads be built in that district besides the main highway?

"Will the County take more interest in giving the Town what it needs like a theatre, parks, homes, YMCA and other places a town should have?

"Most of us haven't been back there in a good while and we don't know what it looks like now. Maybe it has changed but we are all hoping that some day it will be more of a residential and business district of which we will be extremely proud and which will provide employment within its borders.

"I am asking these questions because I think we should ask about the things that trouble us. As I said, I am one of a thousand or more but I know many of the others have these same questions on their minds.

"So if you can be of any help to us in answering them, it will help our morale. Sincerely,
T/S of Cpl. John Irby."

use of the opportunities the Armed Forces offer. Each individual should look forward to being a skilled man. He has opportunities now to learn all that a man with a willing mind can learn; and without cost to him. There isn't a trade on which instruction can't be obtained. Thousands of GIs are receiving instruction which will prepare them to assume a place in the post-war world. NOW is the time to learn.

"Some men, more so colored, may be under the impression that a colored man will have trouble getting a job after

the war. Well, what is he doing? He's putting himself below the next man. If a man is trained, capable and willing to work, he will be able to get a job if a job is to be had. But he must be trained; he must be dependable and competent.

"So men, do something about it. Enlist now in some class of the Armed Forces Education Institute and prepare yourself.

"Some men expect to stand on the street corner and put down a sweet line to the girls. But, where will they be when their mustering out cash is gone, and what will they have?

"So I'm asking all men still in service to take advantage of the opportunities offered and come out of the Army with more than you went in with. I am a Diesel mechanic of different types of engines.

Yours sincerely,
Cpl. John Irby."

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We throw open this column to a discussion of the points raised in these letters.

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Railroad Plans New Bridge

Plans for the construction of a new bridge at the Summit Ave. crossing of the Central Railroad of New Jersey will be submitted to the Township Committee in the near future.

According to a communication from A. M. Zabriskie, chief engineer of the CRRNJ, plans for the bridge will be presented and an agreement drawn between the railroad and the township covering construction and maintenance of the bridge and approaches. Mr. Zabriskie also acknowledged receipt of a letter from the Township Committee in which it agreed to construct all new pavements and sidewalks which will be necessary for the proper approaches to the proposed new bridge.

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Chief Continues High In Police Shoot

In more ways than one, Chief Harry continues the BIG SHOT in the Police Department. With a score of 277, he continued to hold first place in the Police Department weekly pistol shoot. Johnny Andrusky placed second with 254 points, followed in order by Jimmy Osnato, 242; Harold Hill, 239; Frank Barone, 234; and Bob Jones, 186.

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Plains Club Tops Fanwood Again

The UOPS Park Seniors of Scotch Plains made it two in a row over the senior Fanwood playground softball team, scoring a 4-3 victory at the Union County Playground. Even the kids have the fever!

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