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## Looking Ahead

By DR. GEORGE S. BENSON

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during rubble heaps scarcely more than 12 years ago. Cologne today is a bustling, thriving metropolis of 700,000. Where the destruction was worst, brand new streets have been built out and whole blocks of new buildings erected. Throughout the city, draglines, lowering steel cranes, bulldozers and construction crews work unceasingly. The surrounding industries were rebuilt first.

This is the picture too, in Weisbaden and Frankfurt, both ravaged by blockbuster and fire-bombing raids. But it is in the industrial sections, out among the smokestacks, that the basic miracle of Germany's recovery has been performed. Ten years ago when a dazed Germany was sorely beset with out-of-hand inflation, widespread fear, desolation and hunger, two leaders strove to aid in the formation of a new German Federal Republic—Ludwig Erhard and Konrad Adenauer. Erhard became Economic Minister, Adenauer the Chancellor.

Both believed uncompromisingly in the advantages of private ownership and the competitive market. Both coldly rejected the strivings, the urgings and pressures of the Socialists.

Two Historic Steps  
The first step toward stability and reconstruction was an iron-fisted halting of inflation. Over a new Deutsche mark was issued and every monetary asset in West Germany—currency, coin, mortgage, private contract, etc.—was reduced by law to one-tenth of its former value. The only exception in the nine-tenths cut was bank deposits; they were reduced to 2.5 percent of former value. This severe step stabilized the currency and put buying power in better relation to available goods. The second, history-making move by the government was to give capital and private enterprise every possible aid and encouragement in building back the production establishments of Germany. Quickly production for export and domestic use began to create new wealth and now the wealth is literally building a new nation.

Not only the entrepreneurs but the wage-earning men and women of Germany, in large majority, have pitched in with enthusiasm. The amazing productivity—the rate of a factory worker's personal production—has set a thumping record in Europe; these the wage increases that have come; steadily have not been offset by raising prices. The living standard has had a whopping genuine improvement. National production today is four times greater than the post-war total! The recent election endorsement given by the German people should serve as further stimulation for sound progress.

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## West Point Park News

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Fifty ladies, including relatives from both sides of the family and a few neighbors and close friends, were guests at a Stork Shower honoring Mrs. Robert Lang, given at the home of Mrs. Lang, acted at 10:30 p.m. Thursday evening.

Mrs. Bill Richardson, a sister-in-law of Mrs. Lang, acted as hostess. Numerous dainty garments were presented the honored lady.

A song service, with Mrs. Edna Vance at the piano, opened the program of the Sunshine Sisters, held in Neighborhood Church last Wednesday afternoon. Prayer was offered for the sick and mourning of the community. The group extended congratulations to Mrs. Stanley Chavey, who, on the date of the Sunshine session, was celebrating her 37th wedding anniversary. Mrs. William Fisher served an anniversary cake, with tea.

The Thanksgiving meeting of the Sunshine Sisters will take the form of a potluck luncheon to be held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Welsh, on Mayfield Avenue Wednesday, November 20 at 12 o'clock. A short Thanksgiving program will follow the meal.

At her home on Mayfield Avenue last Thursday evening, Mrs. Albert Owen was hostess to a group of ten ladies were present. There were souveniers for all and prizes for contest-winners. Cake and coffee were served.

Mrs. Mary Stubbs who with her grandson, Willie, spent the last few months with her sister, Mrs. R. Gibbons on Hubbard Avenue, has now returned to her home in Bermuda.

Coastguardsman Wayne M. Ault, his wife Helen, and their little son Mark, arrived from New York Thursday evening to be guests for a week of Wayne's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clinton Ault on Mayfield Avenue. During their stay "Open House" for relatives, friends and neighbors will be observed at the Ginton Ault home.

The McViears, of Shady Side Avenue report that their eldest son, Harold, stationed with the U.S. Armed Forces in Germany has resigned for a six year period. His first visit home, after twenty-two months, is expected to be some time during the early part of next year.

Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Rowley are the new occupants of the Mid-dlewood property on Farmington Road.

Mrs. Paul Hundertmark, of Farmington Road has returned home from a visit with her husband, who has been a patient, seriously ill, in a Savannah, Georgia, hospital. Mr. Hundertmark is re-

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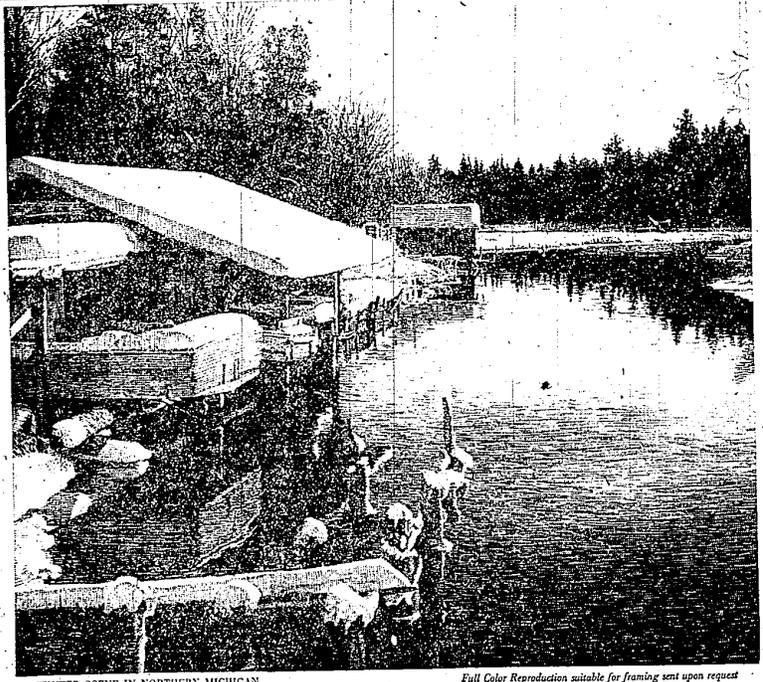
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