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**“High Hopes for the Future”**

Albert R. Anness discusses the collective outlook of his generation during his time as a Page.  
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In 1945 we had just come out of World War II and we were the greatest nation on earth. We were the most powerful militarily, monetarily, economically, spiritually, morally, you name it. We were supporting most of the world, trying to put them back together again after the war. During the war, where were known, not only did we have a lot of troops and did a lot of fighting, we were also the arsenal of democracy. Without our industrial power the Allies wouldn't have won because they could not have competed. So we—and myself and I think most of us—we sort of looked upon the world as the world was our oyster, and everything was coming up roses, and the sky was the limit! It isn't like it is today. So, I think we were all anxious and aggressive, and had high hopes for the future more than probably most of us in today. The outlook for the future was a lot brighter then than it is today for a person that age, I think.