May 17, 1945

Dear Arthur:

The program as you have outlined it, seems perfectly satisfactory to me.

I would suggest as Hymns:

   Faith of Our Fathers
   and
   Eternal Father Strong to Save.

I have written my daughter to help in getting a speaker, and I will send on to Judge Rosenman your suggestion about the Rogers place. I do not know what the outcome will be.

I am glad to have you make any suggestions of things in which you think I can be useful.

Very sincerely yours,

Arthur Smith
Dear Mrs. Roosevelt:

I have discussed the matter of the Memorial Service with Dr. Anthony and between us we have worked out the following brief and simple programme: (1) Prayers by Dr. Anthony, (2) Hymn by Christ Church, St. James, (3) Talk (Daniel, 9:24), (4) Laying of wreaths, and lastly the singing of the patriotic song by the entire assemblage. I hope this meets with your approval. Dr. Anthony has specifically asked me to find out if you have any preference as to the hymn used.
Are gone?

That is that a permanent Veterans Hospital be established there, along the line of the me at Castle Point, since there will be a demand for a great many of them probably throughout the country for years to come.

While I don't know just how to go about getting anything of that sort established here, I feel certain that perhaps it's possible I would know whom to contact.

As I see it, it would be very beneficial since it would provide work for various local people, when the let-down comes after the War, I think it would remain.

Will you please let me know on the chance that you do not take the local paper (Poughkeepsie New Yorker). I am enclosing a clipping from last night's issue, which I think answers your question about the Rogers Estate.

Since you are so kind as to interest yourself in Apple Park affairs of the future, may I be so bold as to express my opinion of the best use to which the Rogers Estate could be put for the lasting benefit of the Town, providing of course that it can.
On the tax books, which would be another big asset.

I know of course, that you have a great deal of work before you at present and I hesitate to bring the matter up, but if anything is to be accomplished it must be started quickly before some other disposition is made of the place.

Therefore I hope you will not think me presumptuous in bringing up the matter, which I know has been discussed formerly locally, but dropped there as no one knows just how to get about it.

Respectfully yours

Arthur Smith