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BY PEGGY M. SPAULDING

Well folks, I'm here again and this time it is a double header. To my regret, I failed to get the September 18 program in on time so I'm doubling up this week 'cause I know you want to know what happened. (Taking a lot for granted am I not). Devotions were led by Mrs. Dorothy Jackson at this forum hour and our choirster Miss LY Constance Merriek. Before the main speaker of the day was introduced, rather presented to the Mutual Family, our own Vice-President and Treasurer, Mr. E. R. Merriek urged the cooperation of all in the Third War Bond Drive and announced the number of bonds sold at that point.

Dr. Clyde Donnel was speaker for the morning. We are always pleased to hear our Medical Director has to say. In the course of his talk he mentioned there were four causes of all illnesses namely: poisoning, infection, injuries inflammation. He explained the different kinds of light and heat used for the various illness and ailments. There are three kinds of heat: conductive, convective and convulsive.

The Mutual Family is happy to announce the addition of two new members of its family in the person of Mrs. B. Pemberton and Miss Mabel Robinson. Mrs. Pemberton is on the fourth floor in the Ordinary Department and Miss Robinson is messenger girl.

On September 25 Mrs. Adeline Spaulding was in charge of devotions. The Mutual was rendered "Love's Song" by Mrs. Margaret Jones accompanied by Mrs. Ethel Berry. The Speaker was Mr. G. W. Cox, Vice President and Agency Director. (His nickname from now on should be Mr. G. W. "Freedom" Cox.)

He spoke on Freedom and when he had completed his speech if you ever felt like a free man you felt like it then. First, let us see just what FREEDOM is: Quality or state of being free, exemption from necessity, ease, possession of

the rights or privileges of a citizen, a privilege, independence. That's Mr. Webster's definition. In speaking of freedom, Mr. Cox asks what kind of freedom do you want? Do you want freedom of speech say what you to, freedom of action do what you want to, freedom from fear, freedom from war. When we speak of freedom our hearts and minds turn back to the thousands of men who are now wading in blood in order that they might have freedom. Will the Post War Relief bring them the type of freedom which they are striving for the type of freedom which all men seek? We wonder if the Atlantic Charter will have effect on all men, in that the Negro will not be all right in the South "in his place" but be treated as a human being. The only kind of freedom that we should think of and fight for even to the point of giving the last drop of blood to sustain it is the kind of freedom which will enable us to stand with all in the presence of human personalities. I'd like to say that if you weren't there you missed it for Mr. Cox, if I may put it in slang, really laid it!

We were very happy to have as our guests in the forum Mr. R. C. Robinson, Assistant Manager of the Charlotte District, Mr. T. E. Gillard, Asst. Mgr. of the Charlotte District, Mrs. T. E. Gilliard, wife of the above mentioned Mr. Gilliard, Mr. W. P. Malone Assistant Manager of the Charlotte District. Agents visiting were Mr. J. P. Howell of Concord, Miss Jones of Asheville, Miss Ruth Shorter of Asheville, Miss Essie Harpter of Asheville, Mr. I. D. Hawthorne of Asheville, Mr. R. L. Hawthorne of Asheville, Mr. R. E. Hawthorne of Asheville, Mr. C. R. Brewington of Charlotte, Mr. H. C. Grier of Asheville, Mr. J. W. Bost of Asheville, Mr. J. M. Myers of Charlotte. Also visiting from the State of Virginia in the



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EMR — I have been reading your column for some time and I like the way you solve problems. I'm married, my husband works hard and makes good money but somehow it doesn't seem like we get anywhere. We have four children. I want to buy a home now while we have a good chance, but my husband kindly wants to quit the job he has and get something else. Shall he quit now or stay on here and buy the land?

Ans: — Right now, while there is money in circulation, you two should begin buying a home of your own. You have the opportunity to buy the place you are on and it is very adaptable to your needs. Your husband could make

more money elsewhere but high living conditions in large cities would soon absorb this surplus. Everything you make now is clear profit and you two have money in the bank better stay there.
 HD — I have had two wives in my life and I want to know which one means me the most good? One was a young woman and the other one was old. What must I do?
 Ans: — Wipe the slate clean. Why keep your mind in turmoil and unrest about something that should only be a vague memory. You couldn't get along with either one of these women. Get your freedom and look elsewhere for companionship.
 MBW — I am in trouble with another woman about her husband and she looks so evil at me like she wants to do me bodily harm. I want you to please tell me what to do

to get out of this mess.
 Ans: — Put this man out of your life entirely as no halfway measures can be used in a situation of this kind. This man's wife is on the "war path" and she thoroughly intends to protect her interests even if she has to resort to hair pulling. It's not safe to go around making "sheep's eyes" at married men.

MWC — I am a hard working woman, a maternity nurse. Have a good many patients and try to do what's right. I have a daughter who is 19, she finished school this past June. I wish to know if she will make a worthwhile trained nurse.
 Ans: — A "cracker-jack." Your daughter was brought up in a nursing atmosphere and she will be on familiar ground any hospital. There is a big demand the country over for trained nurses and your daughter will be rendering a great service to her country if she enrolls immediately.

Daisy Mae — I find your column very interesting. I have been writing a boy in service for quite awhile whom I have never seen. He claims he is deeply in love with me. Do you think a boy could love a girl by just seeing her photo and reading her letters?
 Ans: — Cleopatra herself wasn't sure enough to win her suitors without seeing them in person. No, little lady he isn't in love with you but he does get a terrific wallop from the torrid letters you write. You are really a good sport to boost his morale. Keep up the good work but don't take him seriously or lose your heart in your efforts.
 Bewildered. — I'm a senior in high school, 18 years old. I desire to leave my mother's home. There is no sincerity and humanness behind her supposed kindness. I blew up recently and it was a blow to my mother's domineering ego and it's no wonder she didn't make me play the role of a

Gandhi. It boils down to this: Should I stay, giving her selfishness something to feed on, as that is her dominant characteristic?
 Ans: — Selfishness works both ways. You are secretly desiring the things in life that your folks do not see fit for you to have and this is the basis of your entire dissatisfaction. And too, your mother is not a well woman. Now, you're wise beyond years

and it up to you to over look these "petty" faults of your mother's. Spend the next nine months in preparing yourself for making your own way in life and give your mother the satisfaction of knowing that she has educated you. The rest is up to you.

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