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Mussolini's itch for a larger slice of Ethiopia may turn out to be the seven-year kind.—Pathfinder.

New York city's anti-noise crusade is said to have been a success. Everything is silenced except the gangster's guns.—Wichita Eagle.

Italy prefers the Italian to the Missouri mule in waging the African war. Oddly enough the sentiment is shared by the Missouri mule.—Dallas News.

A Shakespearean scholar and former Oxford don is said to resemble Mr. George A. R. Hills. Has it been noticed that he also resembles the Iron Duke, Disraeli, and Cardinal Richelieu?—Punch (London).

TO WORK

To Work!
To work means not to sit all day Bent over desk with thoughts held bound Within four narrow office walls.

Work is construction of the mind— Of the mind that seeks a way To elevate the standard of mankind.

To Work!
To work means not to hate the day Because it brings the thought of grind— Working means to love the chance To stimulate a laggard mind.

—Virginia E. Sampson.

Successful Marriage

Perhaps there is no question of more universal interest in this age than marriage. Writers and speakers everywhere are calling attention to the large percentage of marriages that are going on the rocks each year.

Marriage is an age-old institution that dates back to the beginning of the human race. There has always been some of the marriages that did not pan out. In this fast age there is an ever large percentage ending in the divorce course and this fact brings the institution of marriage into the spotlight and the public eye.

"Alpha Bet" in the Union Republican, offers the following 26 rules for happy marriage:

- (A) Adaptability—Cultivate a taste for each other's tastes.
- (B) Belief—Trust one another.
- (C) Children—Take them or leave them, but be of the same mind on the subject.
- (D) Devotion—Not only feel love but show it.
- (E) Entertainment—Keep each other amused and interested.
- (F) Finesse—Handle each other with tact.
- (G) Generosity—Don't be stingy with love or money or praise.
- (H) Health—Keep as well as you can and don't talk about your symptoms.
- (I) Interest—Enter into everything the other does. Play the same games, read the same books, like the same people, ride the same hobby horse.
- (J) Jokes—Learn to make 'em and take 'em.
- (K) Kindness—Never fail to show each other tenderness and sympathy.
- (L) Love—Never let your supply of that run low.
- (M) Money—Agree before marriage about the division of the family income and stick to your arrangement.
- (N) Need of each other—Make yourself necessary to your husband's or wife's happiness.
- (O) Observation—See what each needs and supply it. Notice when the wife has on a new gown, or the husband looks particularly spick-and-span and handsome.
- (P) Politeness—Show as much courtesy to each other as you would to strangers.
- (Q) Quiet—Don't argue. Keep a peaceful home.
- (R) Respect—Show deference for each other's opinions and intelligence.
- (S) Sportsmanship—Take marriage on the chin. Don't whine or complain over hardships you may have to endure.
- (T) Tenderness—Whatever you are to other people, be all heart to your husband or wife.
- (U) Understanding—Enter into the thoughts and feelings of your mate so you will know why a woman cries when she is happy, and why a man has to slip the bridle now and then in even the most successful marriage.
- (V) Virtue—No philandering allowed on either side.

Even among the most happy and successful marriages we venture to assert that not all these rules are kept by both parties, but we would be bold enough to claim that adhering to the principles offered by "Alpha Bet" would keep any sane marriage out of the courts.

Promoting Athletics

Although we have never advocated the advancement of athletics in the schools to the point where classroom work would be hindered, we do believe that schools should promote athletics to a point where the students would show a considerable interest in developing good teams. Good athletic teams are assets to any school, provided they do not attract too much attention from regular curricula activities.

The Wilkes County Schoolmasters' club is again sponsoring a county-wide basketball tournament among the high schools. In addition to furnishing good physical training and helping to develop the bodies of the youths, the game should serve to cultivate sportsmanship and friendly rivalry.

A person who has played on school teams has learned how to win and how to lose if he took the proper viewpoint of athletic contests. In the basketball tournament there cannot be but one winner in any race and the sportsmanship spirit should make that team a good winner and all the others good losers.

Haywood Broun was in Miami during the hurricane. An inspection the day after revealed that he remains a splendid testimonial to that type of construction.—New York Sun.

BRUCE BARTON Soap

THINGS WOMEN WANT

A woman's magazine recently compiled a study of the leisure time and interests of some four thousand readers. In reply to the question: "What is your favorite 'evening at home' entertainment?" 71 per cent answered reading, 21 per cent sewing and 18 per cent radio. Four out of five of the women voted in the last election; three out of five make their own clothes or hats; nearly three-quarters of them have automobiles. Only one in nine has a servant. Asked: "What would you like to do most?" more than half answered, "to travel." One woman out of fourteen expressed the desire to go into business. And 48 women out of the nearly 4,000 said they were perfectly satisfied.



Bruce Barton

About one American woman in a hundred, according to this interesting survey, has everything she wants. The other ninety and nine are nothing but alluring bundles of prospective purchases and unfilled desires.

When you look at the financial pages of the newspapers you see charts of car-loadings, electric output, bank deposits, and so forth. You never see a chart marked, "Things American Women Want and Won't Be Satisfied Until They Get." Yet such a chart would be more important than all the others combined; it would be the chart which would show what makes the wheels go round.

Ten years ago our family remodelled a house; we put into it every improvement, comfort and convenience-gadget we could discover. Now we are in process of remodeling another house. I have been amazed by the number of new tricks that have come along in the intervening ten years—air-conditioning, radios in the bedrooms, better plumbing fixtures, better lighting, better floor coverings, and so forth. We thought we were through as home-building customers a decade ago, and here we are starting all over again.

America will never be through; it always will be starting all over again—as long as 99 out of 100 women are unsatisfied.

YOUR BEST YEARS

It may interest you to know at what age you are likely to be at the top of your efficiency as measured by the quality of your work. According to Professor Harvey C. Lehman, of Ohio State University, thirty-five marks the creative peak for most people. Chemists do their outstanding work between twenty-seven and thirty-nine; mathematicians between twenty-eight and thirty-eight; physicist between thirty and thirty-four. Inventors strike twelve at thirty-five, while poets achieve their loftiest flights in the brief "breathing spell" between twenty-two and twenty-five. It takes astronomers somewhat longer to get along, but their apparent slowness may be due to the vast distances they are compelled to cover.

I am considerably beyond the dead-line of thirty-five, and nothing has been produced so far that seems likely to rank with Mr. Shakespeare's Hamlet or the brief remarks of Mr. Lincoln at Gettysburg. This is a sad thought.

On the other hand, if you keep your mind active you can have quite a lot of fun with it even after it has begun to cool off. Goethe finished his Faust only a few years before his death at eighty-three; Gladstone took up the study of a new language when he was well past seventy, and Vanderbilt increased the mileage of his railroads from 120 to more than 10,000 between his seventieth birthday and his death at eighty-three.

These tough old codgers may have been on the down grade but they kept going, and I take courage from their example. Every night I give thanks that I still have the desire to work, even though it is now more than ten years, according to the professor's figures, since I began to crack.

PUBLIC PULSE

This is a column open to the public for free expression. The Journal-Patriot does not assume any responsibility for articles printed under this heading, and neither endorses nor condemns them. Please be as brief as possible.

Defends Relief Cases

Editor Journal-Patriot: In your last week's edition, I read a letter from our president to a Rev. Mr. Greene, of Deep Gap, and just following was a comment on that letter from some party who failed to reveal their name in their comment, but said that they would upon inquiry. This we have already learned from your article as it reveals your true name, which must be Nabal, the son of Belial, (1st Samuel, chapter 25). You said in your comment that two-thirds of relief cases should be sent to the work house, and I suppose the other third to work for you at two bits per day.

Just what we would most like to know is what place you refer to as workhouse. Is it the place where our courts send criminals? Is that the way you feel toward the poor and needy of our land who from no fault of their own, have been compelled to ask our government for aid. I admit that this relief program has not been 100 per cent in doing just as it was intended by Mr. Roosevelt and congress, but I do know one thing—just as long as this world is filled up with selfish characters who criticize the poor and needy, that long there must be a government that will save our people.

I just wonder if you have ever felt the pangs of hunger and seen little children without food and clothing, as I have. I know of numbers of children that will not have for Christmas as much as a biscuit, unless they receive it from some relief source, because there is no employment back here in the foot hills of the Blue Ridge. And remember this, not

NEWS REEL - Pre-Christmas Release — by A. B. Chapin



HOWEVILLE, U.S.A. — WOODNESS ME, HAVEN'T SEEN THE STORES SO CROWDED FOR YEARS— SHOULD HAVE BEGUN SHOPPING A MONTH AGO.



EVERYBODY, U.S.A. — PHOOEY, THIS IS THE TOUGHEST YEAR SINCE B.D. (BEFORE THE DEPRESSION) HOPE MY POOR OLD TOES HOLD OUT TWO WEEKS LONGER.



NORTH POLE, TERRA FIRMA: HELLO FOLKS, HAVEN'T TIME TO TALK — AM BUSIER THAN I'VE BEEN FOR A LONG TIME. I'LL BE SEEING YOU SOON.



YOUR HOLME, U.S.A. — HA, HA — POP AN' MOM CAN'T BELIEVE WERE THEIR KIDS — OUR HAIR IS COMBED, HANDS WASHED, SHOES CLEANED, 'NEVER' DUES! WE'RE GOOD TILL IT HURTS —!

MAIN STREET, ANYBURG — JIMMIEY CRISMAS, NEVER SAW SO MANY BUNDLES — 'TU' BOSS IS DURM NEAR CRAZY TRYIN' TO GET 'EM DELIVERED!

everybody owns a good productive farm. I am not writing this because of my political affiliation, but in defense of justice and our relief cases.

SPENCER WINGLER, Vannoy, N. C.

Direct Relief Work Ended By State ERA Raleigh, Dec. 7.—The North Carolina emergency relief admin-

istration Thursday ended direct relief in the state, and today began the huge task leading to complete liquidation.

In the two and one-half years of its existence, the N.C.E.R.A. with the aid of the C.W.A. spent \$50,000,000 in the state and gave food for jobs to as many as 120,000 relief families at one time.

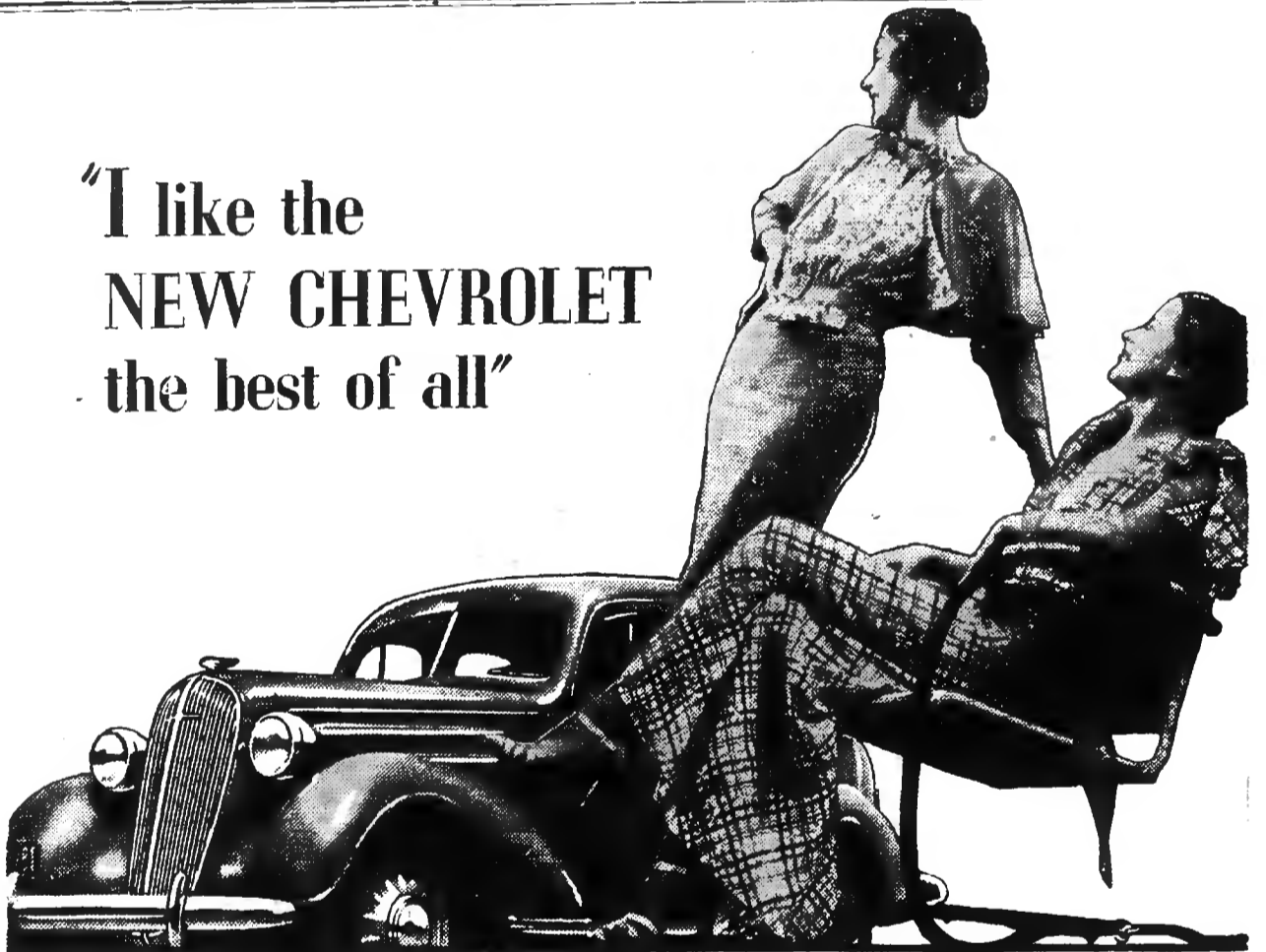
Closing of relief rolls may leave as many as 30,000 families in

North Carolina to depend upon the uncertain charity of local public and private agencies, Mrs. Thomas O'Berry, state administrator, indicated today.

Pure water is a non-conductor of electricity.

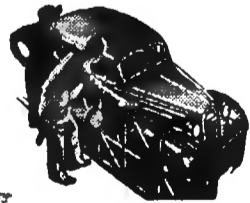
Key West, Florida, is closer to Cuba than the mainland of the United States.

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