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WE'RE BOUND TO HAVE DIFFERENCES In a nation of one hundred and thirty million people, of all races and creeds, many different opinions are bound to arise from time to time, but our forefathers knew this long ago and provided in the Constitution of the United States

means of settling them in a democratic manner. The Civil War was fought over a difference of opinion, tribute 8 per cent of the fund and veloped and in the light of that 000 hotel and restaurant workers which arose at a time when the country was in its infancy. the employers contribute the rest this prejudice against labor leaders in Manhattan and the Bronx was This was settled on the battlefield at great human sacrifices of the fund. The government conby both sides. But out of this experience arose a great will tributes only for the maintenance were able to find friendship and of the people to settle their differences according to the plans of administrative costs and for the mutual respect while deceiving the Restaurant Employes International of the constitution—peacefully. Both sides learned a much conduct of the consultative com- occupying enemy as to what they Union, A. F. of L., after a canvass

Today, however, another kind of war is being fought an industrial war of great magnitude - which perhaps, in act as a part of the machinery. | movement was also overcome at part, is due to the high pressurge both management and labor had exerted upon them during the bitter war years. Labor has made demands for more "take-home" pay and management thinks it is demanding too much. Labor is obstinate, and so is management. Labor has asserted its American right to quit work and has quit. Management has failed to set up the necessary machinery to settle the disputes in any way except in its own way. So the disputes of both naturally become the concern of democratic Americans as a whole, because it directly affects the well-being there were 300,000 unemployed ing together. At the present the

Therefore, it seems as though the issues involved must be parison to a figure of a million appeared. A small group of Comsubmitted to arbitration, either through voluntary action of and a half normally employed. In munist trade unions have also the disputants or through the forced action of a democratic November 1945 there were only buried the hatchet and are now in

Throughout the years many instances are recorded where employed, and in addition the in-labor and management have agreed through contractural relations to submit matters of dispute to arbitration as there- well over a hundred thousand more common sense doesn't. in provided. These arbitration agreements have been very, very successful when occasions have arisen to use them, and The Labor Journal ventures to say that had arbitration agreements been incorporated in the contracts of the great manufacturing plants involved in labor troubles today most of the plants would be operating smoothly while the differences were being settled through peaceful, democratic chan-

The International Typographical union, of which this edi tor is a member, has arbitration agreements in almost 100 you have to do things over? Do sible only because others in the per cent of its contracts with publishers and submits or to fill up time? issues that arise regarding terms of the contract to abitration. When these decisions are handed down they are then nius is the infinite capacity for one way in which we may pay this All persons indebted to said estate the law for both parties to the agreement. If this plan taking pains." And it is that abil- debt we owe them—we have the will please make immediate payshould be adopted by American industry and labor as a whole ity, that willingness of spirit privilege of building upon the strikes would be almost unheard of. Otherwise the picture which is even more important than foundation laid by our forefathers, is dark and the outcome will be more governmental control manual dexterity or mental skills. over what should be the business of those who operate businesses and those who help build them into huge fortunes and grows and spreads like the ripples what should be security for both owners and employes alike. from a stone thrown into a pool.

THE CO-OPERATIVE SPIRIT IS WORKING

The Charlotte City Council is to be heartily commended for its adoption this week of plans submitted by Harold J. Delaney, Charlotte Housing Authority, which call for applying to the Federal Government for financial assistance in for redoing work is staying in a accrued as the result of others' providing temporary dwellings under provisions of the Mead rut, is not progressing or learning. labors, without contributing his

Although long awaited, The Journal is pleased to see definite action being taken now to relieve a most acute local housing shortage.

It is understood that plans call for reconverting the Morris Field barracks installations into temporary dwelling units, the work that is before us, is our as soon as the government restores title to the war-time job, to be done by us. We must job in the world—the one thing air base to the city.

Through the plan the city government hopes to secure as anyone else. much money as possible to reconvert the base property into use as dwelling units sufficient to provide for about 180

The City Fathers have secured the co-operation of the local housing shortage committee, headed by C. W. Roberts, which committee has been making a study of the local situation for some time. Mr. Roberts has pledged the support of his committee toward making up the financial difference between what the City spends and actual cost of reconverting the property. This, of course, to be provided through local contributions to this most worthy cause.

The Housing Committee has been working diligently for a long time in formulating plans to relieve the housing shortage and it deserves the commendation and support of all Charlotte citizens. To the Councilmen and the entire committee The Journal salutes you,

ALWAYS SOMETHING

"I declare," exclaimed a certain field worker in the Department of Agriculture, "I try to make things easier for the farmers I call on, but sometimes I encounter a pessimistic fellow who is hard to pacify. The other day I called on a man to whom fair weather and superior cultivatingskill had brought bumper crops, and I said to him, 'Well, you ought to be satisfied with such crops as these. There is certainly nothing lacking. You have no cause for complaint this year'.'

"What did he say to that?" a listener inquired. "Oh," replied the government man disconsolately, "he picked up a handful of dirt, let it trickle through his fingers, and replied, 'Well, you know such crops as these is pesky hard on the soil."

Foolish Question Teacher-Why should we celebrate Washington's birthday more than mine? Smarty-Because he never told a lie.

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WORKING IT OUT

BY FRANCES PERKINS

One of the surprises of the reconstruction of Belgium after the war is the co-operation between workers and employers in the achievement of a new social security program for their country. The new system has actually been made into a law and was put into operation on January 1, 1945.

popular and it is believed that it in such unions. mittees composed of workers and were up to. employers, who are set up in the Another prejudice in the labor

persons - who were discharged from the army or returned from forced-labor or captivity in Ger-

A constructive aspect of this program is that it appears to be the first occasion in Belgium industrial history when the leaders of the Labor Movement and the leaders of the Employers' organizations met each other face to face The plan roughly provides for and discussed their mutual probthe coverage of unemployment, old lems-the problem of their counage, sickness, death and some oth- try and came to agreements. Exer social disasters. It is interest- perienced labor leaders have told ing to Americans because of its me that in a service of 20 years provision for family allowances they had never met the officers in proportion to the number of of Employers' Organization and children in the family. This fea- that there was a deep-seated prejuture is not ordinarily thought well dice among such employers not of in the United States where wages only against the labor unions and are high and educational oppor- trade unions in general, but a pertunities are free. In Belgium, sonal prejudice against individuals however, this feature is extremely who took a position of leadership

will make possible further devel- The tragedy of the great war opment of industrial training, ap- and the agony of living through of confidence and improved emprenticeship and formal university occupation by the enemy was suf- ploye morale. education for the children of work- ficient to break down this prejuing people. The cost of these dice. Every Belgian one meets social benefits is paid for by con- speaks with horror of the anxieties tributions of wage earners and and humiliations of those months employers. The wage earners con- but a new kind of patriotism de-

It was at first feared that the this time. The Christian Trade economic disturbances following unions which are fairly strong in the end of the war would create Belgium and the Socialist Trade large unemployment and that the unions which are dominant had necessity to pay benefits for this never been able to get together, unemployment would make a too in fact had been at swords points. great strain upon the fund. How- Deeply prejudiced against each ever, the pattern of unemployment other and often denouncing each in Belgium has shown constant other; in the pangs of occupation which is a large amount in com-symptoms of prejudice have disa hundred thousand persons un- a process of reconciliation with old

RUTH TAYLOR SAYS:

BY RUTH TAYLOR

you work because you have to-

All work is as seeds sown; it blessed because of our own labors. We do not know against what bank it may spend itself, or whom come parasites, living from the laand what it may affect.

doer. First in having to redo-Second, in the weakening of abil- share to the common good." ity to do a job right. Carelessness is a habit-forming drug, insiduous ly in its effects.

prove that we do it better than by which you would be judged.

remembered. Dr. Stelzle brought so wrote Paul

it out in an article once years ago: past have contributed their share to our effort. To these we owe It was Carlyle who wrote "Ge- a debt of gratitude. There is only so that other millions may be

"This may seem idealistic, but the law of progress demands this of us, unless we are content to bebors of others. In a sense, every Slipshod work hurts first the man is a parasite who is willing to receive the benefits which have

This is as true today as it was when it was written. The way to in its sapping of morale, but dead- | get ahead - both materially and spiritually-no matter what task The work that each of us do, confronts you, is to do the day's work as though it were the only "With good will doing service, But there is another thing to be as to the Lord, and not unto men"

OFF THE BEAM

Keep Out Harry-My girl's father doesn't

Jerry-On what grounds does he Harry-On any grounds near his

Bigger, Anyway

Explorer And this bear on the floor here I shot in Alaska. It was ease of me or him. Bored-Well, the bear certainly

makes a better rug.

Always Wrong She-Do you love me more than inyone else in the world?

He-Sure. She-Oh, so you've been out experimenting again!

Rough Rider Ned - The way you ride you

must have a lot of feeling for a a budget? Ted - This is the first time I are so serious we have to stay in ever rode one. But I do have a lot every night to balance it. Then

He - Here Fido! Have you taught him any new tricks since I was here last?

Broad Hint

She-Yes. If you whiste, he'll fetch you your hat.

Left at the Post Slim-Did you know that horses sleep standing up?

Jim-Sure, every time I bet on The Mature Type

Senor - How about some oldfashioned love-making? Senorita - All right, I'll grandma down for you.

Worthwhile

Jones - Are you saving, any money by being so serious about

Smith-Sure. My wife and I it's too late to go anywhere.

Labor Buys Bonds

CONVERSE RUBBER

Washington, D. C. - The 1,138 employes of the Converse Rubber Company of Malden, Massachusetts, all members of the Rubber Workers Federal Labor Union' Local 22763 - AFL, have saved an average of \$1,000 each in War Bonds placing them among the top 100 of the 184,000 companies participating in payroll deductions for Bond purchases, the U. S. Treasury announced recently.

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HOTEL AND RESTAURANT WORKERS

New York, N. Y. - A Victory recently announced by the New of thirteen local affiliates.

LABOR SHOWS A SUCCESS Chicago, Ill.-The "truth" of the Victory Bond radio show given by organized labor of Chicago was its outstanding success. It was the first Bond drive ever held in Chicago where the doors of the theater had to be closed and people turned away. The Chicago Auditorium Theater with a seating capacity of 4,000 proved inadequate. People were standing in the aisles and on the stairways at both of

Colorful Man Jones-What's the idea of painting your library in brown?

Smith—So if anyone comes in they can find me in a brown study.

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE Having qualified as Ancillary Administrator of the Estate of Olga Hoblitzell, deceased, late of Wood County, West Virginia, this

How do you work? Do you "The day's work stands for a social- claims against the estate of said finish what you start to do? Do ized effort, which has become pos- deceased to exhibit them to the Building, Charlotte, North Carolina, on or before the 17th day of

This the 17th day of January,

E. A. HILKER, Ancillary Administrator, Estate of Olga Hoblitzell, 214 Johnston Building. (Jan. 17-24-31; Feb. 7.)

State of North Carolina, IN THE SUPERIOR COURT

onnie J. Ammonds, Plaintiff, vs. Etha Ammonds, Defendant— Service by Publication Notice. The defendant, Etha Ammor will take notice that an action entitled as above has been com-Mecklenburg County, North Caroed in the Superior Court of lina, to dissolve the bonds of matrimony now existing between said plaintiff and defendant on the grounds of two years' separation according to law, and said defend-

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she is required to appear at the of-fice of the Clerk of the Superior Court of Mecklenburg County on the 7th day of February, 1946, and answer or demur to the complaint in said action, or plaintiff will apply to the Court for the relief denanded in said complaint. This the 10th day of January,

J. LESTER WOLFE. Clerk of the Superior Court. (Jan. 10,17,24,31)

State of North Carolina, County of Mecklenburg.

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT Betty Pauline McManus, Plaintiff, vs. R. H. McManus, Defendant— Service By Publication Notice. The defendant, R. H. McManus will take notice that an action entitled as above has been commenced in the Superior Court of Mecklenburg County, North Caro-

lina, to dissolve the bonds of matrimony now existing between said plaintiff and defendant on the grounds of two years' separation according to law, and said defendant will further take notice that he is required to appear at the of-fice of the Clerk of the Superior Court of Mecklenburg County on the 7th day of February, 1946, and answer or demur to the complaint in said action, or plaintiff will apply to the Court for the relief demanded in said complaint.

This the 10th day of January,

J. LESTER WOLFE.

Clerk of the Superior Court. (Jan. 10,17,24,31)

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