

HAY WHILE THE SUN SHINES

In sunny times keep making hay
 For it may rain most any day.
 The farmer who lets his hay lay down
 While he flivvers about or goes to town
 Will very likely be out of feed
 And try to borrow what he may need.
 Always push your work, whatever you do,
 Instead of letting your work push you.
 The Farmers State Bank has high regard
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Rev. Garner filled his regular appointment at Slater's Chapel Sunday morning. The evening service was rained out.

This community was visited with a nice shower Saturday evening and Sunday, amounting to about half an inch and more in some places.

Miss Daisy Oliver and Modenia Whitaker left for Canyon City Monday, to enter summer school.

Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Dalby of Post were visiting in this city Saturday and Sunday.

E. P. Perry and wife, Mr. and Mrs. John Dudley attended the funeral of Mr. Cotton at Caps Sunday.

Uncle George Hawkins, Mrs. G. W. Whitaker, Novis and Modenia Whitaker and Laura Wallis were the only ones from here to go to the cemetery working at White Church last Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Whisenhunt,

and Mr. and Mrs. Willis Perry visited Riley Whisenhunt of Nubia Sunday.

Mr. J. M. Bryson, one of our pioneers, has been real sick but is better at this writing.

W. C. Perry of Elm Grove spent a few days this week with his brother, J. T. Perry, and E. P. Perry, his son.

George Heflin and family of Muskogee, Oklahoma, are here visiting his sister, Mrs. Verdin, and her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Ensminger.

Mr. Perry Bradley and sister, Miss Ora of Ovalo, were calling in this city last Wednesday and Thursday.

Health of our city is good at this writing.

Mrs. Thos. McCoy is confined to her bed with rheumatism. We hope she is soon able to be up and about again.

The home demonstration club met with Mrs. Willie Perry Thursday afternoon, with eight members present and four visitors. After the business session, Mrs. Perry served lemonade and cookies.

Nance.

Keep Your Children —cleaner, healthier and do it more easily

YOU know how hard it is to keep grimy little hands and faces clean and the amount of work it takes to keep them in a supply of clean clothes. You need pure, soft water, an unlimited supply from every faucet in your home, if you have children. With the tiniest bit of soap it cuts dirt and grease like magic and leaves tender skins soft and healthy, and just about doubles the life of clothing, for you need never use harsh soaps or rub them strenuously. Doctors, too, say that the cleansing power of soft water and pure soap is the greatest protection against germs and contagious diseases when used regularly every day. Protect your family by installing a

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It is trouble-proof, costs practically nothing to operate, easy to install and brings benefits into your home that you never dreamed of. Every mother should know more about them. Let us tell you the story of soft water. We will even demonstrate so that you can see for yourself how much time and trouble it will save and how much it will mean in comfort and convenience. Ask us for full details. There is no obligation, of course.

L. C. SUBLETT, Agt.

MERKEL, TEXAS

DISTANCE

By DOUGLAS MALLOCH

I KNOW a house where two reside,
 Two hearts a thousand miles divide.
 And then I think of you today,
 Perhaps a thousand miles away,
 But when I think of you, my dear,
 It seems that you are almost here.

This brings us near or takes us far:
 Not where we are but how we are,
 How long the miles would lengthen out

If I had any cause to doubt,
 How many miles the miles would be
 To you, if you had doubt of me.

Ah, there are other women, too,
 Who stay at home, as I must do,
 I pity them, but more
 The weary woman waiting for
 Not someone's step but someone's
 sign.

Some word to make her day divine.
 And I would rather have you there,
 A thousand miles, and have you
 care,
 Than have you here, your vows for-
 got.

Not caring whether here or not,
 Distance is not some mile that parts;
 It is the space between two hearts.
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SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT

By F. A. WALKER

BELIEVE IN YOURSELF

ARE you a believer?
 That is a question about your-
 self, not about your creeds or doc-
 trines.

Do you believe in yourself and is
 that belief sufficiently well founded to
 be a reliable mainstay in your en-
 deavors?

One of the most interesting miracles
 that the Messiah performed was that
 in which He accomplished the heal-
 ing of the boy who was an epileptic.

It is especially interesting because
 the first appeal was to the disciples
 who wholly failed in their efforts. The
 father of the child was a little weak-
 ened in his faith by this failure and
 when he applied to Jesus for help he
 did so with some evidence of doubt
 as to the results.

The reply of the Messiah was "If
 thou canst believe, all things are pos-
 sible to him that believeth." And
 when His followers asked Him why
 they had not been able to perform
 the healing they were told that it
 was their unbelief that hindered them.

Of course this belief was not in-
 tended to have been in themselves or
 in their personal powers but in what
 Jesus often called to them "The
 Truth."

It is in the belief in the truth about
 ourselves that we should, and that
 the wise man does, find the basic ele-
 ments of success and advancement.

If we do not have confidence, which
 is only another name for belief in our-
 selves, we are not likely to get far in
 accomplishment. But that belief must
 be based on fact, on the truth, on the
 realities which exist in us and upon
 which we can call with faith and re-
 liance.

Believing in oneself is absolutely
 necessary to any successful action.

The man who does not believe in
 himself cannot make a speech worth
 listening to, he cannot write a book
 worth reading, he cannot run a win-
 ning foot race nor even successfully
 plow a furrow.

He is like a smooth-shod horse on
 a glare of ice.

If you ever saw one you know how
 he struggles to gain a footing and
 shortly lies still, panting from ex-
 haustion and trembling with fright.

His driver scatters sand or puts
 down bagging upon which he might
 get a toe hold. But the horse has lost
 his CONFIDENCE, he believes that
 he cannot get up and nothing short
 of punishment with the whip will
 make him even try.

So long as he had confidence, so
 long as he believed in himself and his
 ability to get on his feet he was wil-
 ling to keep making the attempt.

When the belief was gone, he was
 unwilling to make further trial. He
 was done for.

We are all like that horse. So long
 as we believe in ourselves we have
 the heart and the courage and the
 ambition to keep on trying.

The minute we are without the be-
 lief we are useless to ourselves and
 to everybody else.

Believe in yourself. Do not overbe-
 lieve. Attempt only what you have
 good reason to think you can finish.

Do not cease to believe in yourself
 until you have gone the limit, until
 you have tried every one of your re-
 sources, until you have exhausted ev-
 ery bit of your energy.

Failure, if it is honest failure, is no
 disgrace.

Giving up while there is still a
 chance to succeed is to your discredit.
 Fight it out to the end.

Go down with your colors flying.
 If you do that you will prove your
 belief in yourself and establish your-
 self as a worthwhile man.

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SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT

By F. A. WALKER

THE LOOM OF LIFE

AS YOU sit before the loom of
 Life, guiding the swiftly moving
 shuttles as they dart to and fro, what
 sort of material are you weaving?

Peoples of every country on the
 globe are doing each hour what you
 are doing, weaving, weaving, weaving,
 fashioning textures which they must
 wear through eternity!

Some of the weavers are indifferent
 in their work, missing threads now
 and then, thinking that the imperfec-
 tions will not be noticed by the Great
 Inspector, who, perhaps tomorrow
 may examine their handwork and call
 them to account.

Oh, what a bungling mess these
 lackadaisical, listless weavers are pro-
 ducing with thousands of sliken fila-
 ments misplaced, tangled warp and
 woof awry, blotches here and there,
 and the whole fabric lacking shapeli-
 ness, beauty and finish.

Every string shows neglect; every
 cord is knotted and askew, disfiguring
 and spoiling the fabric for any
 worthy use.

The clerk, the bookkeeper, the typ-
 ist, the mechanic and all workers in
 the busy mills of human endeavor are
 weaving and interlacing gossamer
 texture or coarse stuffs for their own
 garments, in which they must appear
 before the eyes of others.

What is the character of your gar-
 ment?

Does it glint and shine in the azure
 light and delight the hearts of those
 who love you, or does it bear the slo-
 vely imprint of ugliness and give of-
 fense?

Does its tawdry appearance debar
 you from participating in the grand
 affairs of life, or is it so exquisitely,
 perfectly and beautifully woven that
 you can stand before kings and win
 from them sincere admiration and
 commendation?

What sort of garment, my lad, are
 you weaving to wear when your hair
 begins to gray at the temples, wrinkles
 furrow your brow, and your youthful
 punctilia is gone?

And you, my dainty maid, with sus-
 picious roses on your cheeks, glisten-
 ing finger nails and bobbed tresses,
 what type of material are you weaving
 to cover your shoulders when they are
 drawn in by the frost of age and your
 eyes are marked with crows' feet?

Life's shuttles run eternally. In the
 little span of time that is yours to
 sit at the loom, make sure to guide
 the threads aright, and weave them
 to the hallmark of a heroic life.

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Post Toasties, each	10c
New Spuds, per lb.	4c
Cocoa, Large Size	19c
Corn, No. 2, (high grade) 2 for	25c
P. & G. Soap, 6 Bars for	25c
Lettuce, 2 heads for	15c
3-lb. Can Maxwell House Coffee	\$1.48
Best Flour in town, 48 lbs.	\$2.00
Swift Jewel Compound, 8 lbs.	\$1.25
Best sugar cured sliced Bacon, lb.	33c
Raisins, 2 lbs. 21c; 4 lbs.	39c

DUNN BROS.

BILLIE DOVE HERE AS A COMEDIENNE

Billie Dove, pretty First National star, makes her screen bow as a comedienne in "American Beauty," which opens an engagement of two days at the Queen Theatre, beginning Thursday. Heretofore, Miss Dove has played only dramatic roles, but her portrayal in "American Beauty" is a mixture of whimsical comedy and pathos, all combined in an extraordinarily human characterization. The picture was produced by Carey Wilson and directed by Richard Wallace.

Horn News

Health of the community is good at present. We had another fine rain Sunday and Sunday night, which stopped the farmers from planting for a few days. The farmers say they have enough rain for a while.

Mrs. S. S. Benningfield and family had as their guest last week-end, her nephew from Dallas.

Mr. and Mrs. Ted Kelso of Stith visited Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Ellington Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Carson Hatfield and baby, Mr. and Mrs. Luther Hatfield and little daughter visited Mr. and Mrs. Hatfield Sunday.

Mr. Jimmie Gregory spent Sunday and Sunday night with Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Ellington and family.

Those who visited Mrs. Ellington Monday were Mr. and Mrs. Tommie Gregory and family, Mrs. N. E. Horn, Mrs. Nute Hatfield and daughter, Virgie, Mrs. Luther Hatfield, and little daughter, Mrs. Wesley Davis and Miss Ruby and Duffy Davis and Mr. and Mrs. Jack Benningfield.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Carr spent Sunday evening and Sunday night with Mrs. S. S. Benningfield.

Lorene Ellington is visiting her sister this week, Mrs. Ted Kelso.

Ruth Benningfield is visiting Mr. and Mrs. Frank Carr a few days this week.

There will be preaching here Saturday night. Every one come and bring some one with you.

Mr. and Mrs. Forrest Sears of Snyder were the week-end guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Swann.

We are having quite a lot of hail in other districts, better see W. O. Boney and have him protect your crop.

"Summer Is Here"

Summer is here with its warm days. You can avoid part of this by buying one of our Emerson Electric Fans with a 5 year guarantee. We have different sizes and prices.

We have only four Refrigerators left out of our large shipment. They are going because we have the quality at the right price. Better come get yours.

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Due to the tremendous popularity of the Bigger and Better Chevrolet in this community—we have on hand at this time a large number of specially fine used cars taken in trade... which we want to move at once.

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Men of Genius Knew

Value of Advertising

The Parisian poet who is seeking to attract human readers by first addressing his verses to the lions in a circus is not the first of his kind to hit on a zoological advertisement. Gerard de Nerval sought publicity by appearing on the boulevards with a live crawfish on a lead of ribbon and found that he had judged rightly in thinking people would be curious to sample the writings of a man capable of such an eccentric and novel idea in pets.

Rossetti, too, hit on a similar device and once told a friend he was looking around for a young elephant. "I mean him," explained the poet-painter, "to clean the windows. Then when passers-by see the elephant cleaning the windows they will ask, 'Whose house is that?' and, being told 'Rossetti, the painter, lives there,' they will say, 'I think I should like to buy some of that man's pictures.' So they will ring and come in and buy."—Manchester Guardian.

Got Pigeons "Soused"

The problem of catching pigeons in order to thin them out was solved rather ingeniously about 20 years ago by a London vicar—a well-known temperance worker—who employed an old poacher's dodge. His trouble was to get rid of the pigeons that nested in and overcrowded the exterior recesses of his church.

So he sprinkled in the churchyard a quantity of corn which had been well soaked in rum for 24 hours. The pigeons ate it greedily and their capture was rendered easy.

It was said that one intoxicated pigeon was found staggering up the middle aisle of the church with a pronounced hicough. — London Daily News.

The Last Place

He came home tired. All men come home tired. It is a requirement of the Association of Husbands in Business that a man come home tired.

"Isn't it grand that we are going out tonight?" was the greeting as he hung up his coat. "The Grubmans have invited us over—the place I've always wanted to go!"

"Oh!" he replied.

"After that we're all going to meet at Donahue's downtown for a quiet supper."

"Uh—anywhere else?"

"Well, home, I suppose," she said despairingly.

He wondered for a week how she happened to think of that.—Kansas City Times.

Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Baker returned Monday from Glen Rose, where they had been to attend a reunion of Mr. Baker's family. Six brothers and sisters were present for the reunion, with their families, only one brother being absent. A great time was enjoyed by Bro. Baker. They returned home via Cleburne and Fort Worth.

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She wanted riches, but at the cost of love! She got poverty and won her love!

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Tex Maynard

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"Riding Luck"

With Rayart's Rough Riders in a real whirlwind western.

—Also—
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And Comedies—
"COLLEGE MARATHON" and "SCARED SILLY"

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"CASEY JONES"

You have heard of him for years, and now you will be able to see his death run and his notorious rides. This has been made into a picture that millions will be glad to see. For your benefit don't miss it!

Also Comedy—
"BEHIND THE COUNTER"

Monday & Tuesday

Ramon Novarro

—in—
"The Road to Romance"

One of His Biggest Hits—

This great star that made such a hit in "Ben Hur" has climbed to higher fame in this his latest picture. Don't fail to see him.

and Comedy—
"KO KO'S SMOKE" and NEWS REEL

MONDAY ONLY—

"The Womanless Tea & Style Show"

All-men Cast of 25 Merkel Men Sponsored by Lions Club For Benefit of Merkel Band

Thursday & Friday

Billie Dove

—in—
"The American Beauty"

A breezy, brisk, romance of a beautiful girl who mistook glitter for gold in her search for a husband. You'll sigh a little—cry a little—laugh a lot—it's Billie Dove's best picture of the screen. Also Comedy—
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We wish that you'd consider the advisability of equipping with INDIA TIRES for your own sake. More mileage and less cost.

REPAIRING GREASING

Everybody's Garage

Mr. Jackson, proprietor of the Quality Bakery, has just installed a new oven and mixer and is turning out as good product as any bakery in the country. During the time that Mr. Jackson was using the old oven there was some complaint as to the baking, but those who are using the bread at present are highly pleased. Housewives in Merkel should begin at once to make unnecessary the handling of Abilene bakery products. By your patronage only can a plant of this kind be supported. In the interest of a "patronize home industry campaign" suppose we all phone our groceryman to include in our order some Quality Bread, made in Merkel.

A CITIZEN.

If the Democratic nominee at the convention of the party in Houston in June wins his way to the White House he will not be the first president elected in Texas. Nearly a century ago Gen. Sam Houston was elected president of the Republic of Texas.

A scientist predicts many severe earthquakes for this summer. Candidates would be satisfied with a few landslides.

TRENT NEWS

Mrs. Grant of Lamesa visited with Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Boyd last week-end. She was accompanied by her little grandson, Wright Grant Boyd. Herbert and Winslow Beckham, who have been looking after their farming interests at Lamesa, were with home folks a few days this week. Billie Joe Bowers, who was in the hospital last week, has returned home and is doing nicely.

Mrs. Joe Nally visited her father, Mr. Rutherford, who lives at Cottonwood, on last Thursday.

Miss Mollie McLeod visited her brother and family, Mr. and Mrs. Carlton McLeod, of Abilene, a few days last week.

A number of our girls, who have been in school at Abilene and other places, have come in for the summer. Some will soon go away again to attend summer school.

Mr. and Mrs. Elbert Bright announces the arrival of a new baby girl which made her appearance Saturday of last week.

Little Misses Louise and Laverne Watson returned home last week after spending a few days at Roscoe with their sister, Mrs. E. W. Altman. Mrs. O. M. Moon and four daughters, Lola, Bess, Mable and Lillie, of Breckenridge, were here visiting with her brother, Mr. O. L. Robinson and family last week-end. Two of the daughters are entering training at the Baptist Hospital in Abilene.

Mr. Jno. Barnes has a sister, Mrs. Dixon, and two children, visiting with him a while.

Grandmother O'Rear of Abilene stopped over with Mrs. A. C. Terry Sunday night, enroute to her son, Robt. O'Rear, on route one.

Mr. Jim Bright and wife, accompanied by W. H. Hale, left last Saturday for Hot Springs, Arkansas, where they will remain for a month or more.

Mrs. C. R. Rutherford and son of Santa Anna, accompanied by Mrs. B. Daniel, spent a day or so with Mrs. J. M. Billings this week.

We regret very much that Mrs. Jim Gosnell is leaving us. She goes to Anson to have charge of a hotel there.

Mr. J. W. Minnick and children, of Gordon, visited his daughter, Mrs. Elbert Bright, this week.

Mrs. Milton Watts who was operated on a short while ago, is home again doing fine.

Mr. Dewey Bishop and family of Aranjuna are here on a visit with relatives before moving to Houston.

Miss Ruby Johnson also Miss Alice Bigham left the latter part of last week to enter school.

Mrs. James Waters who has been in school for some time at Stephenville, has returned home.

Mrs. O. S. Bryan and children made a short trip to Stephenville this week.

At this writing Mr. Robt. Cozart of route one is very sick in the hospital at Abilene. We hope he will soon recover.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Mays of Colorado are visiting the latter's mother, Mrs. J. W. Pomroy, a few days. They are enroute to South Texas, where they will probably spend the summer.

Mrs. E. Howell, who has been sick for some time is now in the hospital at Temple. We hope she will soon be able to come home.

Miss Nina Bell West of this city and Mr. Lansford of Haskell drove over to Sweetwater and were quietly married on last Tuesday evening. These young people have a number of friends and will make their home in Haskell.

A through freight train on last Saturday night near Eskola struck and killed Albert Gumels of that place. In some way not known he drifted to the railroad and was apparently asleep when the train struck him. His remains were put away at Plava, where his father lives. He is survived by his father, one sister and several brothers, who have our heartfelt sympathy.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Anthony of Brownfield visited the former's sister and family, Mrs. Geo. Gafford, last week-end. Little Jerrel and June Gafford returned with them for a few weeks visit.

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TRENT CHURCH of CHRIST

"God is the Saviour of all men, specially of those that believe." I Tim. 4:10. Will God save all men from death, from their past sins, or from eternal punishment? This subject will be discussed next Sunday at the 11 o'clock hour. You are invited to come and enjoy the hour with us. You will find a hearty welcome every time you come. On last Lord's day we were blessed with a large attendance, fine attention and wonderful interest. You can make it a little better next Sunday by finding a comfortable place among us.

Bible Study 10 a.m.
Sermon 11 a.m. Subject, "The Saviour of All Men."
Communion 12 M.
Children's Class 7:15 p.m.
Young People's Service 7:15 p.m.
Sermon 8:15 p.m. Subject, "The Church."

Carl A. Collins, Minister.

THE GREATEST HORSE OF THE CENTURY

Those who visit the State Fair of Texas at Dallas, October 8 to 23, will be able to see "The Greatest Horse of the Century," by which name Mr. McElwyn, owned by W. H. L. McCourtie, president of the Trinity Portland Cement Company of Dallas, has become known wherever men talk horse flesh and records.

It is not generally known that this champion of champions is owned in Texas, but such is the case. This grand animal is now at stud in Lexington, Ky., but he will be brought to Texas in time for the great Fair and will be shown every day, in harness, in front of the grandstand.

While there will be no harness racing at the State Fair, the fact that the famous Mr. McElwyn will be at the fair grounds will interest many a Texan, for the love of a good horse which was inbred in most sons of the Lone Star State is by no means dead even in this age of the motor car and the tractor.

Therefore, doubtless, thousands who otherwise might hesitate, will make the trip to the State Fair when they know that they will be able to see this prince of stallions, who, as a two-year-old, broke the record for that age with a mark of 2:04; who, as a three-year-old, again shattered a world's record, going the mile in 1:59 1/2 (the first two-minute trotter of his age and still the only one), and who, in 1926, as a three-year-old, again made a world's record of 1:59 1/2.

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The best western we have been able to offer. See It!
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MONDAY AND TUESDAY

CLARA BOW in "RED HAIR"

The one you have been waiting for
The Flaming "IT" Girl in her best and latest Picture!
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WEDNESDAY and THURSDAY

WALLACE BEERY and RAYMOND HATTON
in "Pardners in Crime"

A Riot of Laughter and it's their latest. See it for Fun!
also JACK DUFFY in "SWISS MOVEMENTS"
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"The Legion of The Condemned"

Greatest War Picture—from a different angle!
Watch For Dates

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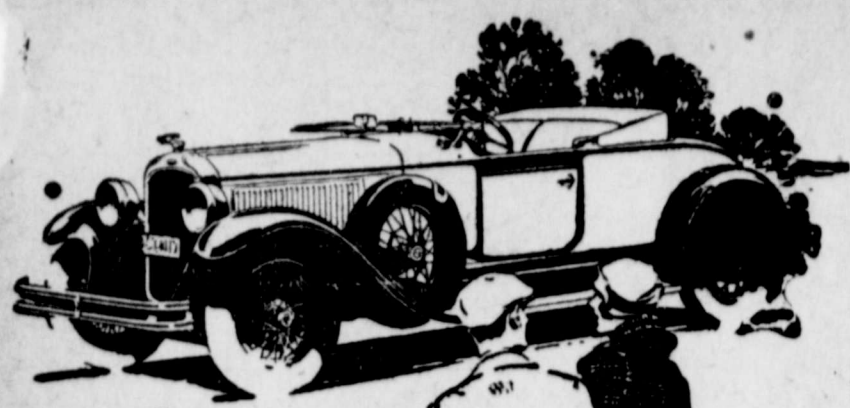
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Lightning Rods Aid in Protecting Neighbors

Pittsfield, Mass.—Tall buildings and lightning rods mounted on high towers protect neighboring structures from lightning, provided they are not so high as to extend out of the cone of protection. This protected area extends around the base of the high building for a distance of between two and four times its height. Imaginary lines drawn from the top of the building to the edge of the protected area define the protected cone, says F. W. Peek, Jr., in charge of the General Electric company's high voltage investigations at its laboratory here.

Mr. Peek's investigations have been made with artificial lightning at pressures of as high as 3,500,000 volts. These man-made flashes have been used on small models of buildings. However, confirmation of his discoveries was obtained by studying a natural electrical storm that occurred in New York last summer, and during which the New York World building was struck. Though this building is close to the Woolworth tower, and is in the 1,100-foot circle around its base that is protected, the dome of the World building extends for about 100 feet outside the cone, and that is the reason that it was struck, explains Mr. Peek. If it had been 200 feet closer to the Woolworth building, it would have been protected.

Practical application of these experiments, says Mr. Peek, has already been made in California, in safeguarding oil storage tanks from lightning. Several tall rods, placed outside the big reservoirs, provide overlapping cones of protection and reduce the danger to a minimum.

Sword of De Soto's Expedition Is Found

Carters, Ga.—Traces of Hernando De Soto's expedition through north Georgia were believed discovered near here, when a hilt, guard and part of a blade of an iron sword were unearthed in an Indian mound by Dr. Warren K. Moorehead, head of the department of archeology of Phillips Academy, Andover, Mass.

The part of the sword was found amid a score of skeletons and ceremonial relics which Doctor Moorehead declared were of a pre-Columbian age, which he considered most significant.

The sword was found beside the skeleton of a warrior and stuck straight up in the ground, where it probably had been placed after the brave had been buried, Doctor Moorehead said. This relic of the white man's invasion of north Georgia measured about six inches and was made from iron, a strong indication that it came from De Soto's band, Doctor Moorehead declared.

In addition to the sword, many "war points," fine arrowheads used in battle, were found at the right hand of the warrior, who was buried alone. At the feet lay a spade of delicate green granite, perforated and highly polished, which the Andover scientist said was a symbol of the tribe's respect for its religion, as it was too frail for actual usage.

The skeleton was found in what apparently had been a hut made of posts of cedar and pine that were in an excellent state of preservation considering the centuries they had been buried.

Take Clerk's Pants

New York.—Solomon Weisman, a clerk in the Kaufman hat store, was held up recently in the store at the point of a revolver by two men who took \$61 from the cash register and a watch valued at \$50. Then, to prevent Weisman from following them, they took his trousers and fled.

Prehistoric Survivor

London.—The plesiosaurus, estimated by scientists to have lived one hundred million years ago, may not be extinct, Sir Arthur Conan Doyle writes.

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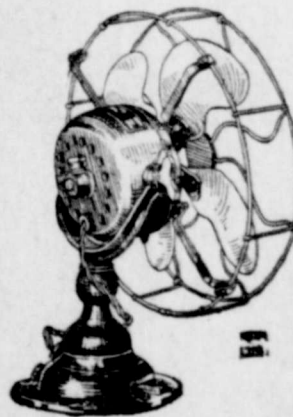
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Ghost Ship Said to Roam the North Sea

The North sea has a Flying Dutchman of its own—a sort of ghost ship whose appearance is superstitiously regarded by sailors as an omen of ill fortune, if not of death, to the beholder. It was first reported by a British war convoy that left a Norwegian port in November, 1917. Lieutenant Commander Fox of the Mary Rose counted twelve ships as they passed out of sight of land. Later an enemy raider attacked the convoy. When Commander Fox counted the convoy again there were thirteen.

Other officers on the Mary Rose confirmed the number. No one had seen the thirteenth ship join the convoy. One moment there was blue sea sparkling behind the twelfth ship; the next the stranger was speeding along with the rest—a somewhat rusty craft whose name had been so obliterated by long service at sea that it could not be made out.

When the raider's attack began the stranger was still with the convoy. When the enemy had been driven off the stranger had vanished as mysteriously as she had appeared. The Mary Rose was lost in the skirmish.

The North sea phantom has appeared, according to its growing legend, several times since then, each time as the precursor of ill fortune to the beholder. She is said to be a small warship or again a rusty freighter, a battered schooner or a small seaworn liner. But however she is reported, North sea sailormen believe she bodes no good.

Way to Dry Cups

There are some men behind the counters of business places who are very clever. The other day I saw a counter man in a local lunch room pull off a pretty good stunt. The man was washing cups and I noticed he did not dry them with a towel or machine. He simply placed a dry towel on a large metal tray. He explained to me that as he turned the cups upside down the water or moisture all ran to the towel on the tray. The towel took up all the moisture leaving the cups dry. I looked over some of the cups which the waiter said he had standing for a time. They were perfectly dry. Perhaps the idea will be copied by housewives.—Salem News.

Shakespeare No Horse Boy

There is no historical evidence to support the story, says the Pathfinder Magazine that Shakespeare's first work in connection with a theater was holding the horses of noblemen and other patrons. According to the usual version of the myth, the young Stratford man showed considerable enterprise in organizing a "horse holding" group of boys who were known as "Shakespeare's boys." All evidence obtainable about Shakespeare tends to discredit the story. It was told by some of the poet's early biographers, but it has been rejected by most, if not all, of the later critics and careful Shakespearean students.

Progress Denoted by Evolution of Window

Like most architectural terms which are in themselves records of the times and the persons through which they have passed, the simple word "window" conveys a wealth of significance both to the builder and the historian. Originally window openings were primarily for air (wind), hence the name window. They were also in some cases intended for defense against marauders and were, as civilization progressed in later years, intended for light.

Development through the centuries has fostered the evolution of the window through the periods of a simple opening in which was placed oiled parchment or paper, and the first crude glazed windows to the modern steel casement which frames the outlook from the modern homes of today.

As Europe gradually emerged from the medieval ages the growing consciousness of the people, and especially the landed people, began to manifest itself in more comfortable and then more artistic dwellings. The window became a thing of beauty, its different styles finding no higher expression than in the English homes of the Tudor and Elizabethan periods.

Few Really Contented With Place in Life

Perhaps we humans have no greater weakness than this: we rarely know when we are well off. We seem to lack the kind of judgment we need to convince us that we had better let well enough alone, is a reflection made by Grove Patterson, in the Mobile Register. We are forever wanting to try something different, something new. Much of our path through life leads from the frying pan into the fire and out again.

"I have learned," said the very wise St. Paul, "in whatsoever state I am, therein to be content."

Some comfort is to be had in the thought that through our tendency to change from one thing to another we occasionally hit upon improvement. But the policy we need most is that which leads us to make a complete and thorough job of the thing we are doing in the particular circumstances in which we find ourselves.

Men of Light and Learning

There are half a dozen men, or so, who carry in their brains the ovarian eggs of the next generation's or century's civilization. These eggs are not ready to be laid in the form of books as yet; some of them are hardly ready to be put into the form of talk. But as rudimentary ideas or inchoate tendencies, there they are; and these are what must form the future. A man's general notions are not good for much, unless he has a crop of these intellectual ovarian eggs in his own brain, or knows them as they exist in the minds of others. One must be in the habit of talking with such persons to get at these rudimentary germs of thought; for their development is necessarily imperfect, and they are molded on new patterns, which must be long and closely studied. But these are the men to talk with. No fresh

SURPRISE DINNER GIVEN MRS. EASON

A surprise dinner was given Sunday at the home of E. L. Eason of Abilene, honoring Mrs. Eason's 48th birthday. On her return from church she found her home beautifully decorated throughout in a color scheme of pink and white. The table was spread with delicious foods, prepared by the children. All members of the family were present and the afternoon was enjoyed kodaking and listening to music. Mr. L. S. Higginbotham was called and a picture of the family was made. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Eason and family, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Douglas, and little daughter, Manda Lillie, of Merkel, Mr. and Mrs. O. L. Eason, and little son, Gerald Windell, Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Eason and little daughter, Janiece Atelka, Mr. Jimmie and Leroy Eason, Miss Gypsie and Gertrude Eason all of Abilene. Others present were Mrs. W. A. Phillips, Mr. Lester Dowdy of Abilene Miss Ima McLain, of Crowell and Mr. C. A. Goodyear of Anson.

THURSDAY CLUB

The pretty suburban home of Mrs. Tom Largent was the scene of a lovely party complimenting members of the Thursday Club on their regular club day, May 31st.

Summer flowers massed in profusion made the entertaining rooms especially beautiful, where games of 42 progressed as the afternoon diversion.

A refreshing punch was served throughout the games and at refreshment hour Mrs. Largent, assisted by Miss Sutphen and Mrs. Roy Largent, passed a most delectable salad plate, served with iced tea to Misses Lois Norton, Lorena Dry, Mary Cleo Booth, Eunice Russell, Mary Eula Sears, Jess Sutphen, Mesdames Huffman, Barnes, S. W. Johnson, Davenport, Gaither, Earl Lassiter, Harry Cookston, C. B. Gardner, Roy Largent, Ross Ferrier, W. L. Diltz, Jr., John West, James West, Charlie Jones, R. O. Anderson, F. C. McFarland, S. D. Gamble, L. B. Scott, Booth Warren, W. J. Largent, Terrel, Warren Smith, Forrest Gaither.

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Florence Vidor, who appeared recently in "Honeymoon Hate" and "One Woman to Another," has the starring role in "Doomsday." Gary Cooper, who has been coming to the fore of late in such hits as "Wings," "Children of Divorce," and "The Legion of the Condemned," plays opposite her.

Confronted by the problem of marrying for money and luxury or for love, Miss Vidor gives a wonderful characterization. She chooses the luxury and realizing her mistake goes back to the man she loves but he refuses to have her. The way in which she succeeds in winning him back makes a very interesting photodrama.

Baptist Church

All regular services Sunday and through the week, beginning with the Sunday School at 10 a.m.

Preaching by the pastor at 11 a.m. and 8:30 p.m.

All B.Y.P.U.'s meet at 7:30 p.m. At the close of the Sunday School hour Dr. Voyer, president of the Texas Social Service League, will make announcement of the work of the League in Texas.

In spite of the fact that a number of our regular members were away on vacation and others were prevented from attending the services on account of sickness, we had a fine attendance Sunday morning, and a goodly number braved the storm and came to the evening services.

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Miss Nell Swann has returned from Fort Worth to spend the summer with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Swann.

Mrs. Harry Cookston left Sunday for Austin, where she will enter the University of Texas for the summer term.

Mr. Joe Sutphen Largent has returned from Kemper Military tute, at Booneville, Mo., to spend summer with his parents, Mr. Mrs. Tom Largent.

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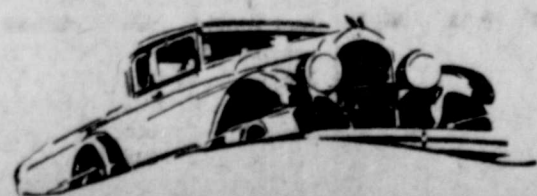
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Blair Items

Weather conditions for the past week were generally favorable for plant growth, planting and cultivation.

Although his health had not been the best for some time, the entire community was shocked and grieved when the news spread Wednesday morning, June 6, that at a late hour the previous evening Mr. J. M. Reeves, one of the community's staunchest citizens, had passed to his reward and this community sympathizes with the bereaved ones. There will be more details later on.

Mrs. O. W. Walker of New Mexico is staying an indefinite time with her daughters, Mrs. Ora Mayfield and Mrs. Boyce Balew.

Mr. Burton Provine and daughter, Miss June, of Capatan, New Mexico, visited his brothers, Messers Sam and Marshal Provine. They have all gone on an extended trip to Kentucky.

Mrs. T. H. Spears spent the day with Mrs. S. O. Patton last week.

Mr. and Mrs. T. F. Logan dined with Mr. and Mrs. James Doan Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Madderra, Mrs. Jim Moore, Mrs. Tom Melton visited Mr. and Mrs. Claud Doan Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Lackey of Merkel visited Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Lackey Sunday.

Mr. Burl Walker and sister of Abilene dined with their uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Osburn, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. O. R. Douglas announce the arrival on May 25th of a fine baby boy, weighing seven pounds.

Rev. and Mrs. W. J. Mayhew had as their guests this week, Mr. and Mrs. Henderson Norman, of Killeen, who were on a tour of West Texas. Also, their son, Mr. Dewey A. Mayhew, with his wife, were over from Abilene on Wednesday.

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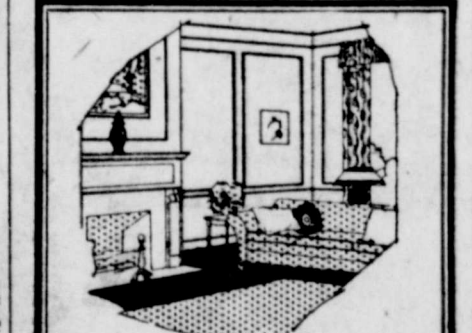
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They left Tuesday morning for Fort Worth and other points east.

After June 15th they will be at home at Valley Mills, Texas, where Mr. Bonner is engaged in the furniture business.

Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Morgan, Misses Anna Dora Eiland and Gladys Benton of Greenville are here visiting relatives and friends.

Miss Lorena Dry has returned from Ennis, Texas, to spend the summer with her mother, Mrs. J. M. Dry.

SUMMER MUSIC CLASSES

Summer class opening Wednesday, June 13th, in piano, voice, wind and string instruments. Rates on class work. Phone 115. Studio at Mrs. McSpadden's residence. Mrs. J. Samuel Ryder. 8t2p

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MRS. HUDDLESTON HOSTESS TO KING'S DAUGHTERS CLASS

Mrs. D. O. Huddleston was hostess to the King's Daughters class last Tuesday afternoon in her pretty home on Oak Street. Twenty-three members answered to roll call. As this was a social meeting no business was presented. A very enjoyable program was rendered. Those taking part on program were Nell Hughes, Mary Jo Russell, Mesdames Johnson, Harkrider, Swafford, Martin and McSpadden.

The hostess was assisted by Mrs. Thompson and Miss Mary Eula Sears in serving delicious ice cream and angel food and sunshine cake and coffee and nuts, to the following visitors: Mesdames Brown, Thompson, Hamm, Johnson, Saddler, Brackeen, Misses Mary Eula Sears, Nell Hughes and Mary Jo Russell, and members:

Mesdames Armstrong, Pee, Smith, Dry, Harkrider, Cox, Hamilton, Patterson, Whiteley, Swafford, Ellis, Mitchell, Beene, Richards, Martin, McSpadden, Mayhew, Cox, Ferrier, Sears, Golladay, Curb, Russell, and the hostess.

A rising vote of thanks was extended Mrs. Huddleston for this lovely party and we hope to be in her home again soon.

Miss Nina McAninch, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. T. McAninch, returned home Monday of this week from Canyon, where she has been attending West Texas State Teachers College the past term. This was Miss McAninch's third year at Canyon.

Give us a chance to prove to you the superior quality of our meats and we believe you will become one of our regular customers. Baker & Wheeler Market. tf

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Bride
of 1928*
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to be good
to you!*

Girlhood dreams come true... Happiness so great, ah, none is so happy as you! The future... a shining road stretching into the distance, and now, a new dignity, a hostess in your own right, a home of your own, and at your command, such luxuries as a Princess of old might envy.

WHEN your mother was married, things were different. The chances are that her home did not even have gas and electricity. Certainly there were none of the drudge-saving wonders that are going to be in your home!

This age is kinder to brides.

The limited budgets of early married days are easier to meet now because of gas. Those first little meals you cook with such painstaking care—just turn the handle and the fuel is there. Suppose you had to chop wood for the stove first? You won't heat up the kitchen either, and spoil the sweet disposition you want to keep, for gas cooking is cool. Home preserving of fruits is sound economy, and at canning time, you will really appreciate the coolness and convenience of gas cooking.

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N. Y. P. S. at 7:15 p.m. Preaching at 8:00 p.m.
Prayermeeting Wednesday at 8 p.m.
Friday night cottage Prayermeeting to be held at Grandma Wiman's at 8:00 p.m.
Ladies Prayermeeting at 2:30 on Tuesday afternoon, to meet at the Nazarene parsonage.
Our prayer meetings are growing in number and in interest. Come worship with us. We extend a cordial welcome to all.
Leona Forbes, pastor.

Expecting car of hulls and car of new crop Alfalfa within next few days. J. M. Garrett, phone 155. It

Better have W. O. Boney write hail insurance on your crop before a loss. tf

Try a Classified Ad in the Mail

Few Ranked Voltaire in Passage of Wit

Leon Treich, indefatigable searcher in the French Bibliotheque Nationale's forgotten nooks, came upon some moldy sheets of paper recently that upon close examination turned out to be verbatim reports of some of Voltaire's conversations.

Here are two short translations. After the first production of Oedipus, some young seigneur slapped Voltaire familiarly on the shoulder, saying: "That was first rate, Voltaire!" The poet replied: "To you I am Monsieur Voltaire." To which the noble shot back: "Do not forget there is a big difference between you and me!" "Certainly," came Voltaire, "I carry my name and you drag yours."

Ramond came to visit him once, "I have no less than eighty-three bodily ailments," shouted Voltaire to his visitor, "I have just counted them up." Ramond noticed the table loaded with pious works by famous church fathers, with strips of note paper sticking out everywhere. "Ah," said Ramond, "you have read the fathers, after all!" "Yes," replied Voltaire, "I have read them, monsieur, but believe me, I will make them pay for it!"—Exchange.

WHEN PROMOTERS USE "CHARITY" TO DECOY TRUSTFUL CONTRIBUTORS

Investigations of Various Schemes for Defrauding Public Out of Money Disclosed by Bankers Association—Many Kinds of Fake Industrial Promotions Used as Bait.

By W. R. MOREHOUSE

Public Relations Commission, American Bankers Association

MILLIONS of dollars raised under the disguise of charity go to line the pockets of promoters. Ticket sales on raffles are commonly used, and while the loss to any one person who buys a ticket is small the aggregate loss for the United States runs into millions of dollars. Usually the promoters of these schemes first make a contract with some charitable institution to conduct a campaign for funds on behalf of the institution. They are to run the campaign in the name of the institution and share the proceeds. The whole scheme is often one of deception. To those who have been led to believe that their contributions go practically 100 per cent to charity, the following case we investigated should prove illuminating.



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A number of promoters recently contracted with a charitable institution to put on a campaign to raise funds by the raffle of a new automobile. So far as the public could tell from the banners used in displaying the automobile, the full amount of the sale price of the tickets went to the institution. There was nothing to convey any other impression. Apparently it was open and above board and was being conducted by men who were contributing their time gratuitously.

For several days a new automobile, mounted on a truck, was driven up and down the streets, with banners telling about the drive for funds for the charitable institution. One day the truck would go by displaying one of the popular makes of automobiles. A few days later it would parade by displaying some other popular make. Periodically the truck would pull into the curb where it would park for several hours while the promoters pleaded with passers-by to take tickets on the "lie and thereby help a deserving charitable institution to meet its bills.

Thousands "Touched"

Thousands of people, touched by the appeal for help, bought tickets, the total sale running into the thousands of dollars. Contrary to the belief of the ticket buyers their contributions did not go 100 per cent to charity. Instead the charitable institution received but 26 cents on the dollar, the promoters getting 52 cents on the dollar as their net profit, or twice the amount received by charity, while the remainder of 22 cents on each dollar represented the amount charged against gross sales by the promoters as expenses.

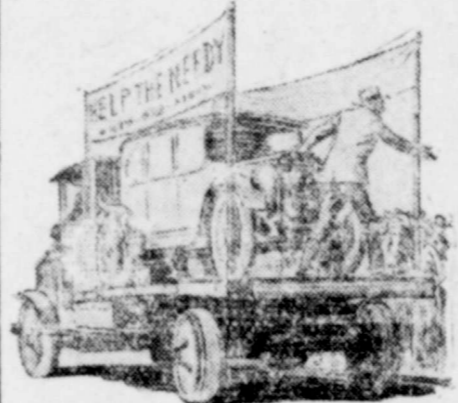
In other words, every person who bought a 50 cent ticket for the sake of charity, contributed but 13 cents to charity and 37 cents to those promoting the scheme. Whether you give to charity or make an investment it will pay you to get the facts! Unfortunately there is a general impression abroad that wildcat promotions are confined to oil, mining and new inventions. The truth is, many stock selling promotions are operated under the name of other industries.

False Claims

A certain group of promoters investigated offered for sale stock in a proposed woolen mill. In order to sell the stock they resorted to the use of misrepresentation and false claims. After renting space on the ground floor of an office building fronting on a busy street they began their campaign. Orally and by printed advertisements extravagant claims were made for the proposed corporation which were grossly false.

It was claimed that the promotion had the support of the Chamber of Commerce, but it did not have any such endorsement. It was claimed that the corporation had a signed contract for the sale of millions of dollars' worth of its products—orders enough to keep the mills running day and night for many years and accordingly insure its success, but all that it had was a valueless fake agreement.

It was claimed by two of the principal promoters that they had had many years of experience in the manufacture of woolens,—in fact had organized and financed a woolen mill which is the largest in the United States. The facts were these two promoters had not been connected with any mills for over twenty years and they had attempted at different times to promote mills, all of which had failed. One of the promoters represented that formerly he was president and general manager of one of the largest woolen mills in Canada. The fact was the mill referred to had gone into bankruptcy and he had been caretaker of the plant.



The "Charity" Drive

This story of misrepresentation can be duplicated in practically the whole industrial field, and because our industries are being exploited with intent to defraud, it behooves every investor to investigate carefully. He should consult his banker before drawing his savings out and losing them on some wildcat investment.

Misses Doris and Tommie Durham, the former a sophomore and the latter a freshman this year at the College of Industrial Arts, Denton, are among those returning to their homes here following the close of the school term.

REFRIGERATORS

We have several used Refrigerators which we are going to sell at a real bargain. Come in and look them over if you need a good ice box. These boxes are in good shape and we have almost any size you want. It

NOTICE

To the people of Merkel and Community:

With the entire support of the merchants of Merkel, starting today, bread will be the same old price, three loaves for 25 cents. This price is made possible by the fact that all merchants in Merkel have agreed to handle only Merkel Made Bread, starting Saturday, June 9th.

With my new equipment I am prepared to give the people of this community as good bread as can be bought elsewhere. I will sincerely appreciate your patronage and cooperation in my efforts to give you the best of bread and other bakery products.

QUALITY BAKERY

This Shop is open for Inspection at all times.

TIMES DO CHANGE Grandma Says So-Grandpa Knows so

It takes grandpa to tell you about it. Oh, boy! Wasn't grand papa some kid? Even old dad brags now and then as mother softly smiles at the recollection of earlier days.

Don't forget, folks, that this is the best time the world ever saw. There are better people living right now than ever inhabited this worldly globe before. Look back at the snobbery of yesterday when it was thought to be a disgrace for a girl of noble birth to earn her own living.

Think of the day when everybody wanted a clerk to bow and scrape in a grocery store or at the back door of the customer's house and say ingratiatingly: "What next, please ma'am?"

Now, look at the difference. Real folks and good. Rich and not so rich mingle together in a Sole Owner Store and each is proud that the sham and empty pomp of the olden days have given way to honest-to-goodness real living of today.

It's a privilege to wait on one's self in a Sole Owner Store. It's a burden to have a clerk pestering you with: "What next, please ma'am?"

And then you can save money on every bill of groceries you buy here, for all through the store there are exceptional bargains. The Highest Class Groceries at Cheaper Prices. Trade with us for thirty days and note the difference in your bill. You will be pleased and surprised.

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And Remember—our FRESH VEGETABLES and FRUITS are kept under FRIGIDAIRE. They are the Freshest in town.

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SOLE OWNER CLARENCE SAUNDERS OF MY NAME

JUNIOR B.Y.P.U. PROGRAM

Subject: A Great General Who Kept his Promise.

1. Five kings make war on Gideon, by Jackie Slater.
2. The Gibeonites ask for help, by Dot Swafford.
3. Joshua Keeps His Promise, by Dot Swafford.
4. The battle, by Billie Bernice Gamble.
5. The sun stands still, by Bud

Gambill.

6. The Five Kings, by Horace Boney.
7. Joshua, the Great General Mildred McClure.

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