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### On Selling One's Vote

EVERY now and then when looking over the many newspapers that come to our desk we run across an editorial that fairly makes our fingers itch for the shears, so great is our desire to cut out the piece and reprint it. We found just such an editorial the other day in the Graham County News, published and edited by Mrs. Gertrude Slaughter Hornbuckle. It was captioned "Do Not Be Afraid To Vote." Nothing unusual about the title, but the editorial itself is a rare piece presenting the subject so forcefully that we hope many other editors will pick it up and hand it along to their readers:

Are you afraid of losing your job if you vote as you please? No. No. That shouldn't be.

Do you sell your vote? No, No, No, a thousand times NO! Well Aunt Susie didn't either.

We heard of Aunt Susie while we were visiting in Tennessee last fall. As the story goes, Aunt Susie had sold her virtue, her character, her soul; but she wouldn't sell her vote.

Aunt Susie was quite a character. She was getting up in years and election day was her day. But she wouldn't sell her vote. She had never been married. She had borne and raised nine children—each, it was said, having a different father. But she would not stoop to selling her vote. She sold her virtue. But her vote was more precious. She would not sell it.

Election day was her day. She had borne the snubs, frowns, whisperings of a friendless community for many years. But she forgot it all when she went to the polls. She might be shunned, slighted, treated coldly on other occasions but not so on election day. People respected her, yea almost revered her on that day.

A queen in her royal robes could not be more queenly than was Aunt Susie in her clean calico dress, white apron and sunbonnet on election day. And woe unto the uninformed politician who made the mistake of approaching her about her voting. She gathered her skirts about her as if in fear of contamination, tossed her head and with chin in air, portrayed in that one look of scorn which she gave him all of the pent-up tirade of wrath which she had borne through the years. Aunt Susie sold her virtue but not her vote. That was beneath her. She couldn't stoop to that.

Yes, election day was Aunt Susie's red letter day. She who had never known anything but scorn and reproaches was respected on that day because she wouldn't sell her vote.

There burned in Aunt Susie's battle-scarred breast a spark of the liberty for which our forefathers died.

### A Great Religious Revival

IN line with an idea which has been proclaimed by high churchmen of various denominations for the past few months, and by many whose lives are given to the interpretation of scriptural prophecies, comes this from W. O. Saunders, an avowed agnostic, now of Washington, D. C., formerly of Elizabeth City, N. C., as quoted in the State, Carl Goerch's Raleigh news magazine:

"Right now I have a hunch; a hunch that has taken complete possession of me. That hunch is that America and the world are headed for the greatest religious or spiritual revival in the history of mankind. And this hunch, I might add, is from one who has been a religious outcast and an avowed agnostic for two score years. More: I have never had what is known as 'a religious experience' in all my life. But,

## Defenders Ready for the Japanese



In a trench somewhere along the south bank of the Yellow river in south Shantung province, a Chinese trench mortar crew is on the alert and ready to beat back an attack of the Japanese troops. These warriors are among the defenders in south Shantung where the Sino-Japanese forces have been locked for weeks in a major struggle.

with all my skepticism and scorn of organized religion, I have a hunch that we are about due for a new revelation from God that is going to sweep the civilized world and profoundly influence the destiny of all mankind for our everlasting betterment. Politicians have failed us, economists have failed us, the militarists have failed us. In despair we must seek for that divine guidance of which we stand in such imminent and tragic need. Out of this revival may come a new and intelligent devotion to the simple ideology of a Fatherhood of God and Brotherhood of Man, as enunciated by Jesus."

Mr. Saunders is known as one of the most profound thinkers of our day. His work appears in the leading magazines, and he has always been known as a man who accepted nothing until it had been proved. The above statement from a man of his reputation means much.

What he says is too true. The economists, militarists, and our so-called statesmen have failed us; and our only hope lies in a return to the simple faith of the fathers.

A world-wide religious revival, regardless of creeds, would banish the fears which beset us all and end the dread of war.

### Miss Mary Ledford Has Birthday Party

Miss Mary Ledford entertained a number of friends at a birthday party Saturday night, April 23, at the home of her brother, Alex Ledford.

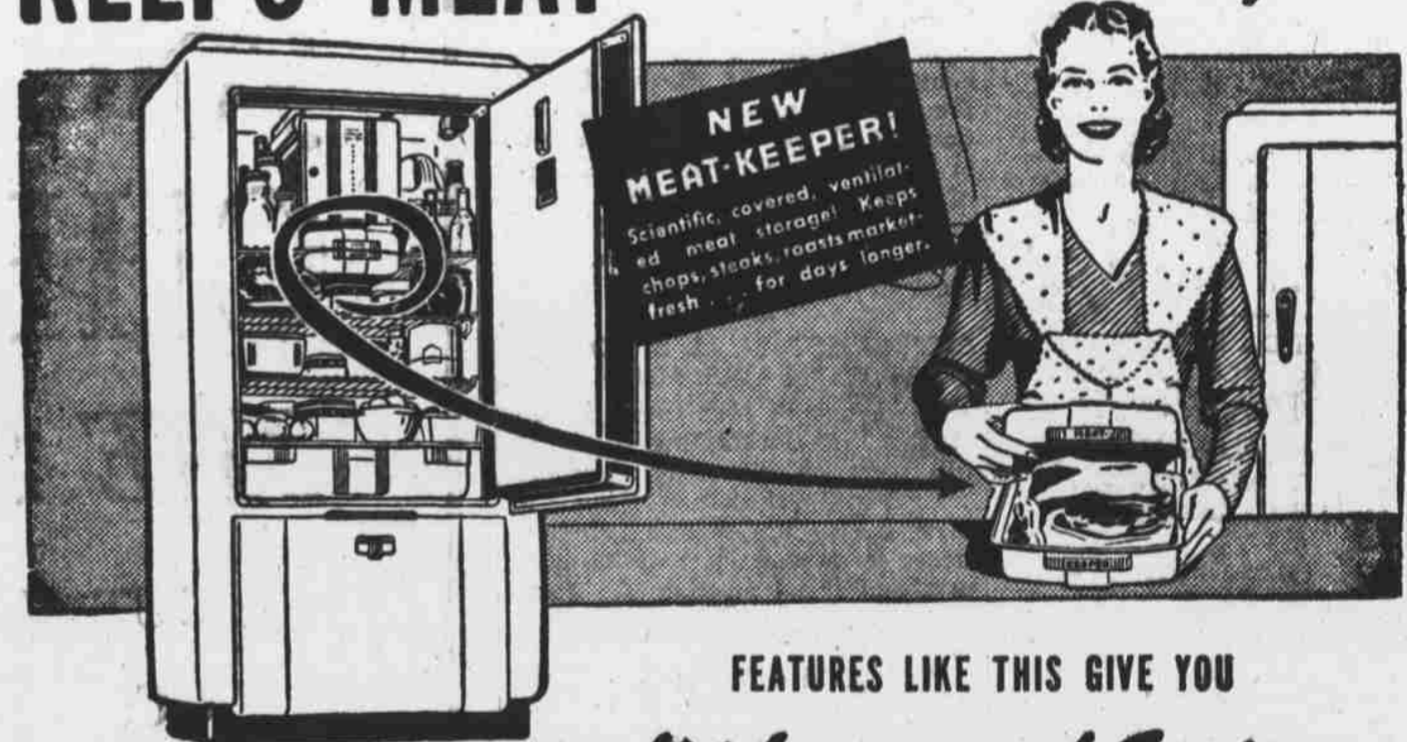
Those present were Misses Gertrude, Ida Belle, Agnes and Mildred Shope, Eunice and Elizabeth Stockton, Burdell Ledford; Messrs. Woodrow, Bill and Weaver Shope, Frank Hasting, Frank Ledford, D. J. Carpenter, G. R. and Thad Stockton, Ernest Moffitt, Roy and John Williamson and R. M. Shope.

After many interesting games were played, the presents were unwrapped and refreshments were served by Mrs. Alex and Miss Mary Ledford.

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