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PRIZE WINNERS AT THE POULTRY SHOW

A Large Array of Winners of Fine Poultry from Several Towns of this Section

ELLENBORO TO WADESBORO

Show Was Marked Success and Will Prove a Great Stimulation to Breeders of the County

The poultry show which closed Friday night was a marked success. There were exhibitors from Ellenboro, Charlotte, Polkton, Wadesboro, and other places outside the county besides the many breeders in this county who are producing fine fowls. The list of winners was so long that it required considerable time to compile it. The success of the show was due to the tireless work of the promoters and especially to the assistance given them by Mr. Orton, secretary of the Chamber of Commerce. The long list of winners follows:

Barred Plymouth Rocks—Fifty-seven entries. Prize winners: Fourth cock—Mrs. R. C. Griffin, Monroe. First and second hen—C. W. Orton, Monroe. Fourth hen—J. B. Wylie, Chester. S. C. second cockerel—Marshall Hilton, Monroe; fourth cockerel—J. B. Wylie; first, second, third and fourth—C. W. Orton, Monroe; silver cup for best displayed Barred Rocks—C. W. Orton.

White Plymouth Rocks—J. H. McCall, Monroe, won all prizes.

Partridge Plymouth Rocks—Fourth cockerel and second and fourth pullets—R. S. Honston, Monroe; third pullet—Mrs. P. H. Johnson, Monroe.

Rhode Island Reds—First cock—W. R. Robbins, Cornelius, N. C.; third cock—Mrs. Nan Carlyle, Monroe; first cockerel—W. J. Edwards, Charlotte; second cockerel—W. R. Robbins, Cornelius; second cock—T. J. W. Broom, Monroe; third cockerel—Miss Sadie Covington, Wadesboro; first, second and third pullets—Miss Sadie Covington, Wadesboro; fourth pullet—W. R. Robbins; first hen—Miss Sadie Covington; second and fourth hens—Mrs. Nan Carlyle.

White Wyandottes—First, third and fourth cocks—A. S. Harrill, Ellenboro; second cock—E. N. Bivens, Wingate; first and second cockerel—E. N. Bivens; third and fourth cockerel—A. S. Harrill; first, second and fourth hens—A. S. Harrill; third hen—E. N. Bivens; first, third and fourth pullets—A. S. Harrill; second pullet—E. N. Bivens.

Partridge Wyandottes—First, second and fourth cocks—A. S. Harrill; second and fourth cockerel—A. S. Harrill; first, second and third hens—A. S. Harrill; third and fourth pullets—A. S. Harrill.

Buff Wyandottes—Second and third cockerels—J. Clingman Griffin; first hen—J. Clingman Griffin; first, second, third and fourth pullets—J. Clingman Griffin.

Columbian Wyandottes—First cock, first, second, third and fourth hens—Bassam Hany, Marshville.

Balsam-Laced Wyandottes—First and fourth cockerels—Miss Viola Kiker, Polkton; second hen—Miss Viola Kiker; first, second, third and fourth pullets—Miss Viola Kiker.

Brown Leghorns—First cockerel—E. C. Winchester, Monroe; second and third cockerel—W. S. Nisbet, Waxhaw; first, second, third, and fourth pullets—R. F. Bost.

White Leghorns—Third cock—A. M. Craig, Monroe; first cockerel—Aloha Kennels; first, second, and fourth hens—T. K. Helms, Monroe; first pullet—T. K. Helms; third hen—Aloha Kennels; third pullet—Sam Hudson, Monroe; fourth pullet—G. B. Caldwell, Monroe.

Buff Orpingtons—First cock—J. C. Gordon, Waxhaw; first cockerel—J. C. Gordon; third cockerel—Miss Louise Morrow, Monroe; fourth cockerel—W. W. Carroll, Monroe; first, second and third hens—T. P. Dillon, Monroe; first and fourth pullets—J. C. Gordon; second pullet—T. P. Dillon.

R. C. Blue Orpingtons—First and second hens and first and fourth pullets—G. B. Caldwell.

R. C. Anconas—Second cock—F. R. Rose, Monroe; first, second and fourth hens—Clayton Smith, Monroe; first, second, third and fourth pullets—F. R. Rose.

Dark Cornish—First cock—M. B. Haney, Marshville; first cockerel—J. W. McCain, Waxhaw; first pullet—J. W. McCain; second and third pullet—H. F. Dillon, Monroe; fourth pullet—A. W. McCall, Monroe; fourth hen—M. B. Haney.

S. C. Black Minorcas—Third cock—Miss Louise Morrow, Monroe; fourth cock—W. D. Faulkner, Monroe; first, second, and fourth hens—Miss Louise Morrow; third hen—Henry Simpson, Monroe; third pullet—W. D. Faulkner.

Buckeyes—Third cockerel—First, second, third, and four pullets—W. C. Crowell, Monroe.

Pitt Games—First cock—J. E. Efrd, Monroe.

Light Brahmans—Third cockerel and second pullet—J. I. Long, Monroe.

Silver Campines—Third cockerel and first, second and third pullets—L. Bradshaw, Monroe.

Bronze Turkeys—First cock and second hens—Mrs. R. C. Griffin, Monroe; second cock—W. E. Funderburk, Monroe; third hen—W. E. Funderburk.

Bourbon Red Turkeys—First cock and first and second hens—W. B. Nisbet, Waxhaw.

White Embden Geese—First gan-

SEVEN MONROE CITIZENS OF PAST AND PRESENT

A Contributor Tells a Graphic Story of Two Men, of Three Men, and of Two Men

There are two kinds of Christians in this world—the professing Christian and the practicing Christian. Everybody knows the professing Christian is one because he says so himself. He admits it or confesses it or professes it at the church on Sundays and at the big meetings. Many times he has faith without works. The practicing Christian has works but is slow to profess. In Monroe there are two men who practice christianity every day in the year. They are always looking for an opportunity to help some one in distress; a widow and orphan in need; a sick man without medical aid; an overworked man or family who is ready to give up in despair. These two men will go out of their way to find those whom the rest of the world let go by. They spend their money to minister to others. Who can say that their children will ever suffer want because these two good men are spending their money to help others? "I have been young and now am old; yet have I never seen the righteous forsaken nor his seed being bread." Their children will never suffer want. It is a short step for these men to repentance.

Three Men

Many years ago three boys came to Monroe and worked from daylight till dark for fifty cents a day, always arising at four a. m. They worked and saved and worked and saved until they accumulated a comfortable fortune made honestly by honest toil. They never tried to cheat or defraud or take advantage in a trade. No one ever heard of them selling out widows and orphans nor taking advantage of ignorant men to cheat them out of their property. They did not profiteer and followed the "Live and let live" policy. They told the truth and lived the truth. They had business integrity and everybody knew it. They produced their wealth instead of grabbing or collecting what others produced. There are bolsheviks right here in Monroe just like old Trotsky and Lenin who would like to see the property of these three men taken over by "the government." The politicians and grafters and divided up. The difference between these bolsheviks and Trotsky and Lenin is that those two arch criminals can take advantage of the confusion and ignorance of two hundred million people speaking one hundred and forty languages and dialects and only twenty per cent of them able to read at all.

Two More Men

Many years ago two merchants did business in Monroe who would not lie for money. They were the soul of honor and business integrity. Many of the older citizens will tell you that they would not misrepresent goods to make a sale. The most ignorant, humble man could go in to buy a pair of shoes and uncle F or uncle B would tell him the truth. The world is greatly in need of more of such men as these two and these three and these two. Greed for gain and opportunity and fastured by war conditions has upset the mental poise and destroyed the character and the self-respect of legions of men. But these serve men. We are desperately in need right now in Monroe and Union county of seven times seven men just like these.—Contributor.

Surrender and Victory

Soon after the United States had declared war against Germany the neighbors went to the country seat to bid good-bye to the first contingent of boys called to the colors. There were perhaps a hundred recruits all from the county and all for the most part strangers to one another.

A large crowd of friends had gathered to see them off. In the bandstand in the little park by the court-house were some of the officials of the village and the county and a lieutenant from the camp to which the boys were going. The minister talked a few minutes; then the county judge spoke briefly. Many handkerchiefs came slowly to tear-dimmed eyes as he referred to the high ideals we are so proud to hold and what it sometimes costs us to be true to them.

Then the lieutenant told the boys what they might look forward to at camp. "You will find comfortable quarters," he said, "good, nourishing food and plenty of it, pleasant companionship, the best of opportunity for development and advancement, hard work and strict discipline. Everything in the army is done under orders, and orders are always obeyed. We are going across to win the war. But the first and most important thing that you will learn is unquestioning obedience."

The meeting broke up with many songs and cheers. The troop train pulled out, and the boys had gone off to camp with victory in their hearts. Most of them came back from France and they brought victory with them—victory over Germany. But there was another victory that they brought—a victory they had gained at camp, not through fighting, but through surrendering! The words of the lieutenant were true. We usually think of victory as meaning the surrender of the defeated army, but victory always comes to that army which has first surrendered itself through obedience to its commander.

And if our captain is the Prince of the Kings of Earth, it is the same. The life that wins is not the life that persistently pushes self forward, but the life that forgets self in complete surrender to the will of God.

CHAMBER COMMERCE TO INAUGURATE CAMPAIGN

Committees Have Been Appointed to Make Thorough Canvas of Town; Program Outlined

The Monroe Chamber of Commerce, under the energetic leadership of the secretary, Mr. C. W. Orton, is planning for big things during the present year.

To begin with, a membership campaign in which a thorough canvas of the town will be made is to begin next Tuesday morning at nine o'clock. The work will be divided and placed in the hands of different committees. Two of these committees have already been named and consist of the following wide-awake men: First committee—T. P. Dillon, chairman, R. A. Morrow, and F. G. Henderson. Second committee—W. B. Love, chairman, J. Allen Lee and C. W. Orton. Another committee will be appointed at an early date.

Among the things that the Chamber proposes to do after might be mentioned an underpass on the Charlotte highway, adjustment of freight rates as they effect local business, water supply to meet the needs of the increasing population of the town, and other things that will benefit the town and the county.

A clean-up and paint-up campaign will be planned some time during the spring months and everybody will be expected to join in this effort to make Monroe a better and more beautiful place in which to live.

An effort will also be made to install a credit rating system that is expected to be far-reaching in its results.

Far from being the least important undertaking the Chamber expects to inaugurate is a progressive advertising campaign that will benefit every member of the organization. Arrangements are being made for securing noted speakers to deliver lectures at an early date and there is something interesting and helpful in store for those who hear them.

Of course a strenuous effort will be made to attract different enterprises and industries, among which is the establishment of a laundry.

MARSHVILLE IS MOVING FOR BIG UNION MEETING

Methodists and Presbyterians Planning to Get the Belk Brothers and Will Ask Baptists to Join

A movement for what is expected to be the greatest revival in the history of Marshville was launched Sunday when official members of the Presbyterian church conferred with the pastor and board of stewards of the Methodist church in regard to laying plans for a union meeting sometime this spring. Messrs. J. C. Marsh and J. C. Dean from the Presbyterian officials and Messrs. J. Z. Green and Ed M. Marsh from the Methodist were elected a committee to confer with the Baptist folks in regard to the meeting.

The plan as discussed in Sunday's conference is to make an effort to secure the famous Belk brothers, namely Rev. George Belk, one of the most noted Presbyterian ministers in the State, and his brother, Rev. Sam Belk, pastor of one of the biggest Methodist churches in Atlanta. It was also suggested that the Baptist people there, who are without a pastor at present, be asked to secure the services of Rev. Bruce Benton, Rev. Jol Snyder or Rev. James Long, all of whom are Union county men. The Belk brothers are also natives of this county, and if they and a native Baptist man can be secured, Marshville will have a novelty in the way of a real Union meeting.

It was also suggested that a noted singer be secured to lead the song services. The place for the meeting has not been determined, but it is probable that a tent will be provided. The Belk brothers are recognized as being among the foremost preachers in the country, and Messrs. Benton, Snyder and Long are among the ministers that tower high in the ministerial world. If these plans materialize a treat is in store for Marshville and Union county, for three men of the calibre and reputation of those under consideration will prove a drawing card that will doubtless reach into almost every nook and corner of the county.

Wingate News.

Wingate, Jan. 16.—The Baptist Sunday School shows a marked improvement in attendance during the last quarter, the number present Sunday was over three hundred. Immediately after Sunday School the people went to church for preaching. One of the largest congregations seen there in sometime attended the services Sunday morning. The pastor preached two interesting sermons, the night sermon being the second of a series he is preaching on "Life." Your correspondent is also told that a large congregation attended the Methodist Church at both services.

Mr. Carl Biggers of Charlotte spent Sunday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Biggers.

In a game of basket-ball Friday evening the high school defeated the graded school in a score of 18 to 13. Mr. James Sherwood spent the week-end with friends in Marshville.

Owing to a broken transformer the street lights have not been burning for the past few nights, but Mayor H. K. Helms is during all in his power to have the transformer repaired so the lights will be turned on sometime during the week.

FIRST UNION SERVICE HELD WITH LUTHERANS

Four Local Pastors Engage in Sunday Night Service Which Will Be Followed by Others

The first of a number of union services to be held on occasional Sunday evenings by the pastors of the Methodist, Presbyterian, Baptist and Lutheran pastors took place Sunday evening in the Lutheran church. The sermon was preached by Dr. H. E. Gurney of the Presbyterian church, and Dr. Burrell, Dr. Weaver and Rev. Mr. Miller all took part in the preliminary service. Mr. Ed Lee was at the organ and in the choir were a number from the several churches. The congregation filled the house completely.

Dr. Gurney's sermon was based upon the theme, "If the Lord be God, why not follow him?" and it abounded in striking appeals, drawn from the historic event in the life of the Hebrew nation where Elisha met the nine hundred priests of Baal and set up the altar to God after the priests had failed to get a response from Baal when there was a drought of three and a half years. Elijah was alone among nine hundred but having God on his side he was in the majority. It is easy to be popular and run with the popular side, Dr. Gurney said; but, said he, God never counts his people, he weighs them.

No one, he said, has ever been able to give a valid reason why he should not follow God. Referring to the various substitutes which are offered, in feeling, in learning, in the "survival of the fittest," he said: "Christianity is not feeling, it is fact." "Thank God, I, an humble ambassador of Jesus Christ, preach the gospel that saves the unfit." And concluding his sermon Dr. Gurney exclaimed, "I have set before you the way of life and the way of death, dear friends, choose life."

DANGEROUS POINT AT CROSSING IN WINGATE

Mayor Helms Says Town Officials Will Not Interfere With Travel Only for Public Safety

Mayor Kemp Helms of Wingate feels that there is danger of the spirit and purposes of his town being misunderstood in regard to the speed laws and their enforcement. This he wishes to avoid. There is no disposition on the part of the town officials to annoy or to needlessly prosecute people, but only to enforce such laws as are necessary for the protection of life and limb. There are some very dangerous crossings in Wingate and many drivers have run great risks not only to themselves but to others by ignoring them. This says Mr. Helms is what it is desired to prevent. The Wilmington-Charlotte highway goes through Wingate and crosses the main street at right angles. The crossing is one of the most dangerous points in this section. This is because the road runs close to buildings on both sides of the cross street and cars on the highway and on the street cannot see or hear each other till they meet. If they go fast at this point there is almost sure to be a collision. For the safety of life and limb the Wingate people are seeking to have drivers come to these points with their cars under control, and they do not wish, says Mayor Helms, to have it understood that they in any sense expect to needlessly hold up the public, but they do want safety.

Your Child's Teeth.

The Parent-Teachers Association wishes to call attention to the work the dentists of the city have been doing for the school children. They have been giving their time and their services to the examination of the teeth and the result is astounding. Out of the grades so far examined, only two or three children had perfect teeth. Some children, when asked if they brushed their teeth, said that they didn't have a tooth brush.

We parents are too careless in this matter, and the children have to suffer for our carelessness and neglect. Let's make up! If the dentists have been kind enough to give this examination free, we parents ought to think enough of our children to see to it that their teeth have the attention necessary.

Some parents think that the "baby teeth" do not need any attention as they have to come out anyway. But authorities on the subject think differently and we should take their advice. Each child is given a slip of paper, on which is written the result of the examination, to take to the parents. Parents, if these slips are not delivered to you, please ask the child about it, as he may forget.

The work of the Parent-Teacher Association is to help the child, and when they decided to take up this dental work, they approached the dentists with their proposition.

The local association has no funds to carry on a regular dental clinic as is done in some other places, so they asked the dentists about giving the examinations free. The dentists very kindly agreed to do this, and now let's show our appreciation by having the work done that is so necessary to the health of the children.

If this work is appreciated by the parents, the association will be encouraged to take up other health work.

Quite a number of children have tonsils and adenoids and some have defective hearing and eye-sight. These children should be looked after at once because the longer these things are neglected the longer it takes to cure them.—Parent.

SIXTIETH BIRTHDAY OF THE SUSTAR BROTHERS

Recalls the Story of the Heroic Life of Their Mother Whom They Never Ceased to Honor

The Sustar twin brothers, Messrs. J. E. and B. A. Sustar, who live over the line in Mecklenburg county, celebrated their 60th birthday last Tuesday, Jan. 10th, at the home of Mr. J. E. Sustar in the Mount Harmony community. These gentlemen are well known in Monroe where they transact much of their business. Mrs. M. E. Ferguson, mother-in-law of the Messrs. Sustar, celebrated her birthday with them.

The occasion was a most interesting and pleasant one with the following relatives and friends in attendance: Mr. Robt. Gibson of Clarkton, Mr. Christopher Allen and son of Lanes Creek township, Mr. J. F. Renfrow of Matthews, Mrs. J. L. Benton and family of Vance township, Mr. D. E. Sherrin and family of Vance, Mr. J. C. Price and family of Morning Star township, Mecklenburg county, Mrs. J. O. Hall of Charlotte, Mr. Raymond Helms of Charlotte, Mr. Dowd Helms of Vance, Mr. Pat Crook of Goose Creek, Mr. L. A. Ferguson and family and Mr. J. T. Moser and family of Morning Star.

Mr. J. T. Renfrow of Matthews made a very interesting talk in regard to this excellent family and spoke of the inspiration he had received from their lives.

A massive and beautiful monument which cost several hundred dollars stands in the cemetery at Mt. Harmony church. It was erected by Messrs. S. T. B. A. J. T., and J. E. Sustar to their mother, Mrs. Elizabeth Sustar. "To our mother" is the inscription in large letters on the top stone of the monument. And that good woman was certainly worthy of one.

The story of her heroism runs like this: In 1862 Mrs. Sustar was living with her husband, Mr. R. H. Sustar, and their four little sons and one little daughter in a cabin home in the pine lands of Lancaster, S. S.

Early in 1862 the husband and father joined the Confederate army and went to the front. In a few weeks the news came that the husband and father was dead and had been buried in Virginia.

The mother looked upon her five little orphaned children, the two youngest, J. E. and B. A., twins but six months old, resolved to keep her family together and to make a living for them. She had nothing and not a child was large enough to earn a living. But that noble woman went to work, hiring herself to the neighboring farmers, and although she was nursing her twin boys she went to the field and plowed many a day for 25 cents, and after her day's work was done would walk a mile and sometimes two or three miles to her cabin home and there she would cook food for her children and often spin cotton at night with which to make their clothing.

And then came Sherman's raid, and nothing was left in that home—everything being taken, and then that woman went out to where the army horses had been fed and picked up about half a bushel of dirty corn and washed it and carried it to a mill some distance away and by night had bread for her children. After the war she kept fighting to keep the wolf from the door and her children never suffered for something to feed their hungry little mouths. As the children grew they joined their great-hearted mother in the battle for bread. When ten years old the twins were spinning cotton at night with which to make their clothing and were working for neighboring farmers for only twenty-five cents a day for the two.

In 1876 Mrs. Sustar moved with her children to Mecklenburg county, rented a small farm and there they made crops of their own.

The twin's stateries have splendid farms—hundreds of acres—of which are two beautiful homes and the farms are dotted with neat, well-kept tenant houses, good barns and other outbuildings, and the land is in high state of cultivation. The stock and everything about the farm indicates prosperity and the application of brains to business.

Long before that good mother died she saw her children's prosperity and shared it with the Sustar boys there was nothing too good for their mother to have and her last days were spent in the midst of abundance, not only in material things, but those boys gave her a wealth of love and affection and their homes were her abiding place and in them she found a home indeed.

Under that beautiful monument, erected by the family sons who are victors in life's battles, sleeps a real heroine.

Simple Father

He was a good-hearted but rather simple-minded father, and he said to his son: "John, I've been informed that if anyone buried a half-dollar in the garden at night and let the moon shine on it the next morning it would be a five dollar gold piece."

"Well, Dad," answered the son, "I should try it, you never know your luck."

The father agreed. When morning arrived he hurried into the garden. The coin had disappeared. He rushed back into the house and exclaimed to John: "It's gone, John! How do you account for that?"

John answered modestly: "All I can suggest, dad, is that you got up too late and the sun (son) got at it."

VISIT TO COUNTY'S WONDERFUL PLACE

She Found That the Children Were Not Tearing up the Beds at All

HAPPINESS REIGNS THERE

But Everybody So Busy That Mr. Sinder Has to Do His Praying in the Small Hours

By Mrs. Lina Covington Harrell
Much has already been thought, spoken and written about Union County's Children's Home, but with it all, the half has never been told. And when these few remarks we are writing are completed there will be plenty left for some one else to say. Our first visit to the Home was made last Sunday afternoon. Our next will be made as soon as possible. The spirit of the place gets one. Even the Mr. Snyder maintains that he has to do his praying in the wee, sma' hours, as there is no time during the day, it is very evident that prayer and the answers to prayer are behind that establishment and its managers.

Driving up to the Home, the earth and all around seemed suddenly to swarm with children. Porch, steps, yard—everywhere a small face and bobbed head appeared. And every face was clean and rosy of cheek, and every head was neatly brushed, and every pair of eyes sparkled with health and happiness.

Inside in the reception hall there were still more children, and in the midst of them a calm-eyed, motherly woman who cordially bade us welcome. And for half an hour we sat and talked with her about her charges, while she alternately soothed the baby's bumped head, corrected some lapse of manners, encouraged hospitality to a small visitor present, deftly nipped several brewing altercations in the bud, and settled a moral issue concerning a report that one certain youngster was "a tearin' up all the beds, Mr. Snyder"—all without loss of calm or poise.

But why lose her poise over such small incidents when five mornings in the week twenty-two youngsters must be hustled off to school in time; every Sunday morning thirty-one must be gotten ready for Sunday school; thirty-one gotten to bed every night and up again in the morning? Think of being responsible for keeping thirty-one pairs of ears clean, or thirty-one mouths fed three times daily with wholesome food. Imagine the possibilities for unique happenings with fourteen male youngsters in constant association twenty-four hours in the day, and every day. However their insanity is directed into wholesome lines, and thus the roof stays on and the Home goes happily forward.

An air of happiness permeates the Home. Firmness, kindness and patience in discipline have wrought the wonder of a well ordered household of children who readily mind when spoken to, can play without a din of maddening noise and who do not make a display of temper, bad manners and vociferous argument when company comes. And this is 1922!!!

When all is said the Children's Home is the greatest inspiration and the most eloquent sermon that the people of Union county could have witnessed in many a day. This sermon with its theme of service can cover a multitude of texts, beginning with "In as much as ye did it unto one of the least of these ye have done it unto me," and winding up with "The Lord loveth a cheerful giver." The people who give themselves as freely and wholeheartedly as Mr. and Mrs. Snyder are doing are following closely in the Master's step, and in a self-centered world their lights shine out as a light-house on a stormy coast. Truly they have not undertaken the work for the money there was in it, nor because they were looking for an easy job, but there is the joy of work well done, and there is the reward of the man who used all the talents the Lord gave him.

As we were leaving we said to one wee, blue-eyed lass who had been coyly smiling at us, "Don't you want to go home with me?" Promptly and firmly came the answer "No ma'am." And there we have the situation of the Home in a nut shell; a home full of happy, healthy, contented children whose lives are now cast in such a pleasant place they would be unwilling to leave; and over all brooding the spirit of the Christ in whose name the service is rendered.

The Brakeman's Bad Break

One of the division railway superintendents, an energetic, excitable little man, recently received numerous complaints that freight trains were in the habit of stopping on a grade crossing in a certain small town in New Hampshire and of blocking travel for long periods. He issued strict orders against it, but still the complaints came in. Finally he decided to investigate the matter in person.

He went down to the crossing, and there he saw a long freight train standing square across it. A brakeman was sitting on top of a car. "Move that train on!" sputtered the little man. "Get it off the crossing so people can pass. Move it on, I say!"

The brakeman looked the tempestuous stranger over. "Go on, you little shrimp," he replied. "You're as tough as a crow's under."