



# SHOREHAM ITEM

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Nikola Testla  
By Randall Warden

Thirty years ago Wardencliffe made the front page of the New York Press:

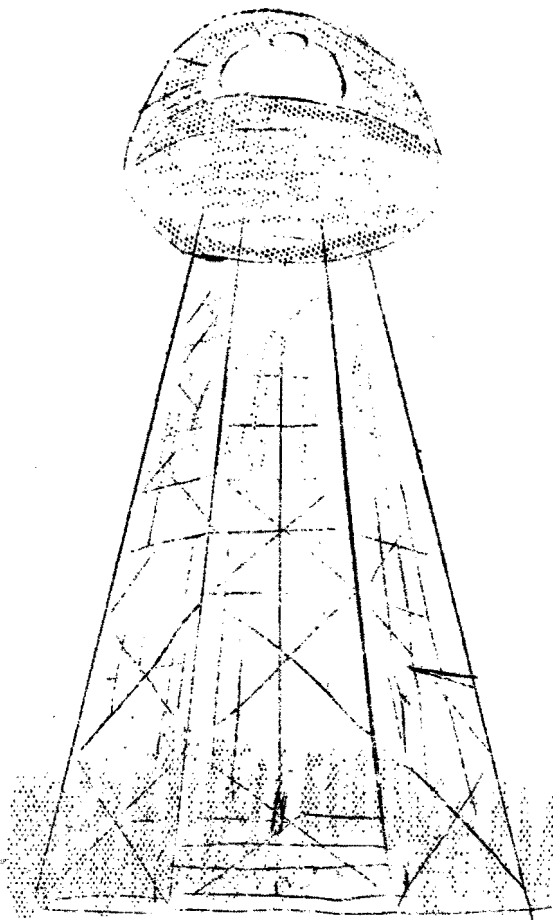
What - you never heard of Wardencliffe? Nikola Tesla gave the name to the place he was to settle and to experiment in for more than 3 years, in honor of James S. Warden who had begun the re-development of Woodville Landing in 1894. For years our present Long Island Railroad Station had the sign WARDENCLIFFE in bold letters across its front.

There was mystery of great significance to the scientific world when it was learned that Nikola Tesla was building a secret plant 60 miles from New York City in a little hamlet called Wardencliffe.

It was rumored that he had selected the place because there were few electrical disturbances and that the temperature was very even the year round. And it was known that he was an electrical wizard who probably would develop something new and strange.

You can imagine the astonishment of the local people when suddenly train loads of brick and lumber began to arrive.

Our good old friend Jim Robinson was sent here by the L.I.R.R.Co. to take charge of the enormous amount of freight daily shipped to Wardencliffe. Con't



Tesla Central Power Plant and Trans-  
mitting Tower for "World Telegraph-  
y," Shoreham

### Tesla's Tower Cont'd:

The neighborhood for miles around was combed for men, wagons and horses. Twenty acres were cleared of trees and stumps, the ground graded and the grassseed sown, roads were built and building commenced.

Tesla promised that within two years he would employ 2,000 men, so roads were put through and lots laid out to sell for building sites for his employees.

Tesla was an odd character. Tall dark and cadaverous he talked in big figures. He always made extravagant claims. You never knew whether he could make good or not because if he made one statement you new was true, the next sentence seemed so impossible, so stupendously imaginative that you wondered if he were not a little touched.

He came down from New York every day on the train at 11:30 A.M. and went back at 3:10 P.M. Herefor 3 hours and a half he would work in his laboratory with the glass blowers, his chemists and his patent makers. No one was allowed to go near the brick building, which was still standing across from the station.

Tesla built a wooden tower 500 ft. in the air with a dome on top which was to be covered with copper sheets but he never reached that point in his development. Underneath he dug a deep well and at the bottom he drove a pipe a thousand feet in the ground. It was his idea that this apparatus would act as one of the poles of an electrical machine and that from the atmosphere he would extract electricity in sufficient quantities to supply current to run the industrial machines of New York City, Boston, Philadelphia etc. When the War broke out Tesla's Tower was taken down by the Government so that the German warships, if they ever reached our shores would have no landmarks to help them in finding the range of New York City from the sea.

When Tesla came to town he always brought with him his lunch from the Waldorf Astoria. It was packed in a hugh hamper and it and Tesla's bodyguard rode in the baggage car. I finally learned that the hamper, besides other delicacies contained an excellent bottle of wine - therefore the servant in the baggage car.

The bodyguard was quite a character himself, he had been a Siberia Soldier and was as fierce looking as a brigand, but he waited on his master in the loyal and subservient way.

My father and Tesla occasionally would go swimming together in the sound and both of them seemed to have bones of specific gravity because they would float just like cork with their heads and necks cle out of the water and much of their bodies exposed. I have never seen anyone float in the water as they did meanwhile discussing plans for a wonderful Wardencliffe future.

Tesla is still alive, I have not seen him in thirty years but the recollection of his charming personality, his odd method of oddity stating that he could read your thoughts and that you could see you when you were absent, remain vividly clear. I wonder if the backers had not shut down on his supply of money whether Shoreham today might not be the electrical center of the world.

This was taken from the August 17, 1934 issue of the Shoreham Scribe.

BRING YOUR PAPER BAGS  
TO MY STORE AS THERE IS AN  
ACUTE SHORTAGE OF THEM.

F.E. Beckwith

## NEWS OF SERVICEMEN

Extract from a letter received by Mrs. Randall D. Warden from her son, Lieutenant Randall D. Warden, Jr. USNR, Naval Base, Suez.

Recently groups of U.S. Army Chaplains who have served in Europe have been flown to Palestine to visit the holy places before going home. The Special Services branch of our ally, the Army, runs leave planes to Palestine from here, an hour and a half trip as compared to ~~the~~ nine hours minimum by train. So, although I'm not planning to join the Chaplain's Corps, I decided to use my leave to make that trip myself.

The Red Cross organizes tours conducted by excellent guides, so I saw and learned a lot. I spent three days in Jerusalem, saw the 900-year old St. Ann's Church, built on the site of the cave where Mary was born; the Crusaders' Pillars; the Pool of Bethesda, where sacrificial cattle were washed; the house of Pontius Pilate, where Christ's death sentence was pronounced by the high priests; the Via Dolorosa; the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, which is supported by five groups - Greek Orthodox, Roman Catholic, Syrians, Armenians and Coptic Christians; the Gate of St. Stephen, who was stoned to death; Mt. Moriah, where there is a temple said to have the most beautiful mosaic windows in the world, they are indeed very striking with the sun pouring through. Then there was the Jews' Wailing Wall, the Tombs of the Kings, The Garden of Gethsemane, the Mount of Olives.

After Jerusalem I made a couple of tours of the provinces, visiting Nazareth, the Dead Sea; traveled the Ancient Caravan Route; crossed the River Jordan; saw Cana, where the first miracle was performed - the changing of water into wine; spent a night at a town called Tiberias, on the Sea of Galilee; went to Haifa and Tel Aviv.

I'm glad I made the trip, it is a deeply impressive experience, but one feels a sense of disillusionment, too. You could not escape the feeling that there is too much commercialization of religion, both inside as well as outside many of the Churches; you resent the hordes of clamoring beggars in sacred places; there is much controversy as to the authenticity of many spots; the excavating of many ruins is retarded by conflicting interests, Arab, Jewish, British.

It was not a very comfortable expedition, the heat was terrific - 132 and the food extremely poor. I stopped at a cooperative farm and learned that there are a great many of them all through the country.

One evening I spent at Camp Sarafand, which is the largest British military installation in the Middle East. I got some immensely interesting sidelights on how our British brethren retain their hold on these areas, it gives one an insight into the meaning of geopolitics.

## 14 YEARS AGO

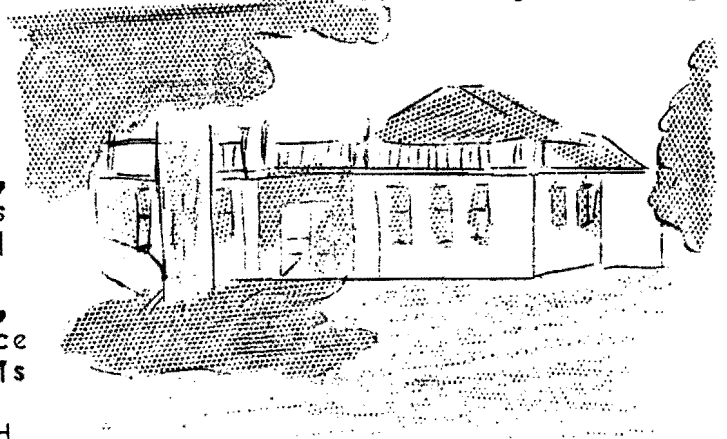
The Shoreham paper then called "The Shoreham Stoller" was published weekly by Jack Haslett.

SHOREHAM BELLE

For the ~~third~~ consecutive year beginning 1928 the younger set in Shoreham gave a version of the "Follies". It included dancing, acting and singing.

### RUMOR

When Robert Warren Smith and his family were residence of Shoreham, Song Service attendance reached as high as seventy-five. Now in 1931 the attendance is one third that. There is no Church in the Village, so most people rely on Song Service as their weekly worship. There is a lot of talk about discontinuing Song Service. This service should maintain until Shoreham has a Church of its own.



YOUNGER SET IN SHOREHAM REVIVE THE CLUB

July 3, 1931. Fallacious reports that the Club would not open caused people to rally in protest.

The younger set revived the Club under the direction of Harry F. Hughes, President of the Club. Changes were made in the budget and membership policies. Instead of remaining a dead club with no spirit, the Shoreham Country Club is now undertaking the most ambitious program of its existence.

When Maturity lacks spirit, Adolescence will take the reins.



### BUCK RESCUED OFF SHOREHAM

A five point buck was rescued from drowning by Fred Finn. He was taken to Chief of Police, Wesley J. Sherman, who immediately called a veterinary, but the animal died within a few hours. After inspecting the buck it was concluded that he had died of bites.

All that is needed now is a subway with a five cent fare guaranteed stable for fifty years.

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Now that a proposition has been made to give Shoreham and Belle Terre an airport opece, the transportation problem is solved. But is it? When we have the car, the train or plane to choose from for a trip to the city, What'll we do?

Undeciding persons will probable spend half the day trying to make up their minds, then set out on foot.

### DANCING CLASSES

Mrs. Maxine Wolf will be in charge of the Tuesday night group.

Mrs. "Neele" Jensen will be in charge of the smaller group on Wednesday morning.

Last week Mrs. Hapgood served the refreshments for the Tuesday night class.



### SONG SERVICE

Last weeks Song Service Mr. Al Roberts conducted. The smaller girls sang a song. This week Mr. [unclear] will conduct.

DON'T FORGET TO BRING YOUR SCRAP PAPER TO THE POLICE STATION AS IT SAVES THE PICK\*UP SQUAD MORE TIME.

### THE PASSING STORM

A low rumble from the East -  
The ocean's ominous roar  
The rhythmic clash of wave on wave  
Against the rock-bound shore

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The restless sway of vine and tree  
The flowers bending low  
The pulse of hidden elements  
throbbing out their woe.

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A pent up fury yet unleashed  
The wind its challenge sent  
A mighty roar and in its wake  
The Heavens and earth seemed rent.

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The lightning flashed-the thunder  
rolled  
And in one mad embrace  
Emcompassed all the universe  
And then was lost in space.

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The Heavens opened wide their gates  
And tears of joy came through  
A benediction on the world  
The rain drops and the dew.

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Down they came-great pearls of rain  
And in earth's bosom stole  
Then gently loosed the verdant  
green  
And stored their wealth of gold

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The wind and rain upon the plain  
The rumbling soft and low  
The lightning flash-the thunder's  
crash  
These things must come and go.

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For of this world they are a part  
Since time was first begun  
Though dark the storm-life must go  
on  
Tomorrow is the SUN

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DANCING CLASSES

WEDNESDAY 2-2:30

Craig Heatly  
Geysa Sarkany Quincey  
Quincey Hunsicker  
Karry Hunsicker  
Kay Palister  
Mary Keating  
Sall Bates  
Carol Wolf  
Rita Adams  
John Miles  
Raymond Barnhart

THURSDAY 9:30

Larry Hunsicker  
John Miles  
John Keating  
George Beatty  
Turk Roberts  
Raymond Barnhart

THURSDAY 11:30

Carol Heeg  
Adrian Adams  
Celia Queenan  
Bobby Adams  
Christopher Beatty  
Patsy Perinyl

Thursday 2:30  
Barbara George

WEDNESDAY 4:30-5

Sue Miles

Wednesday 5 PM.  
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the senior dance class.

WEDNESDAY EVE 7:45

Children's Dancing Class.

WEDNESDAY 9:00

Senior Dancing Class

THURSDAY 10:30

Carol Lee Jensen  
Claude Binyon  
Catherine Heiss  
Lee Hunsicker  
Thomas Adams  
John Bates

THURSDAY 2 PM.

Warren Heeg  
Michael Heeg  
Paul Darby  
Quincey Hunsicker  
Larry Hunsicker  
Craig Heatly  
Reginald Queenan

THURSDAY 3:00  
John and Catherine Heiss

GUESTS FOR THE WEEKEND

Mrs. Elenor Douthat of Richmond, Va.- and Mr. Carlos Auriema of Staten Island, are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Sackett.

Mrs. Robert Hughes is the guest of Mrs. Hughes.

Mr. and Mrs. McGan are entertaining Miss Amy Robinson of New York City

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Hayes, of Nanuet, New York and their children are the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Koch.

Mr. Christopher Birch is the guest of Mrs. Hapgood.

Mrs. Rice - Mrs Chester Rice - Miss Carolyn Rice- and Mr. and Mrs. Jarvis are the guests of the Hunters.

## GUESTS FOR THE WEEKEND

Master Douglas Seitz, of Yonkers is the guest of Authur Hald, Jr.



### LOST

On Tuesday evening, August 7, at the Club House, boy's navy flannel jacket, pearl buttons name tape at collar. Finder please return to Editor.

### SATURDAY NIGHT DANCE

Last Saturday Night the music was again supplied by the "Continentials." Toward the end of the evening a lucky number dance was held. Al Roberts, the master of ceremonies, announced to the four remaining couples that they were to take part in a Truth or Consequences Party. The couples were told that they were to participate in a scavenger hunt. Mrs. Theobald and Mr. Burk the remaining couple were informed that their consequence was to play Charades with the sentence of "That every young girl should know by the time they had completed their consequence the other couples had returned with their respected trophies. Roy George and Sister Van Arman were the winners. They won two bottles of "Spiritus Frumentum".

Lost: a large green metal table belonging to Mr. and Mrs. Multy. Will you please return same to their house.

Due to a suddenly planned overnight hike, the Shorehamitem had to be published in advance. Due to the rush several mistakes were made in the making up of this issue

The Staff of The Shorehamitem

PORT JEFFERSON THEATRE

Port Jefferson, N.Y.

ADVERTISEMENT WEEK OF AUGUST 10th, 1945

Friday and Saturday

August 10-11

Matinee Saturday 2:30 PM

Dennis O'Keefe - Helen Walker

In

News

Cartoon

Selected Shorts

"Brewster's Millions"

1st Eve. show at 7:00 PM

2nd. Eve. show at 9:00 PM

Feature shown at 3:09, 7:39 and 9:37 PM

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Sunday, Monday and Tuesday

August 12-13-14

Matinee Sunday 2:30 PM

Bette Davis - John Dall

In

News

Cartoon

"The Corn is Green"

1st. Eve. show at 7:00 PM

2nd. Eve. show at 9:13 PM

Feature shown at 2:49, 7:19 and 9:32 PM

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Wednesday and Thursday

August 15-16

Humphrey Bogart- Alice Smith

News

Cartoon

Selected Short

In

"Conflict"

1st. Eve. show at 7:00 PM

2nd. Eve. show at 9:00 PM

Feature shown at 7:39 and 9:44 PM

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COMING: Friday and Saturday - August 17- 18

"It's In The Bag"

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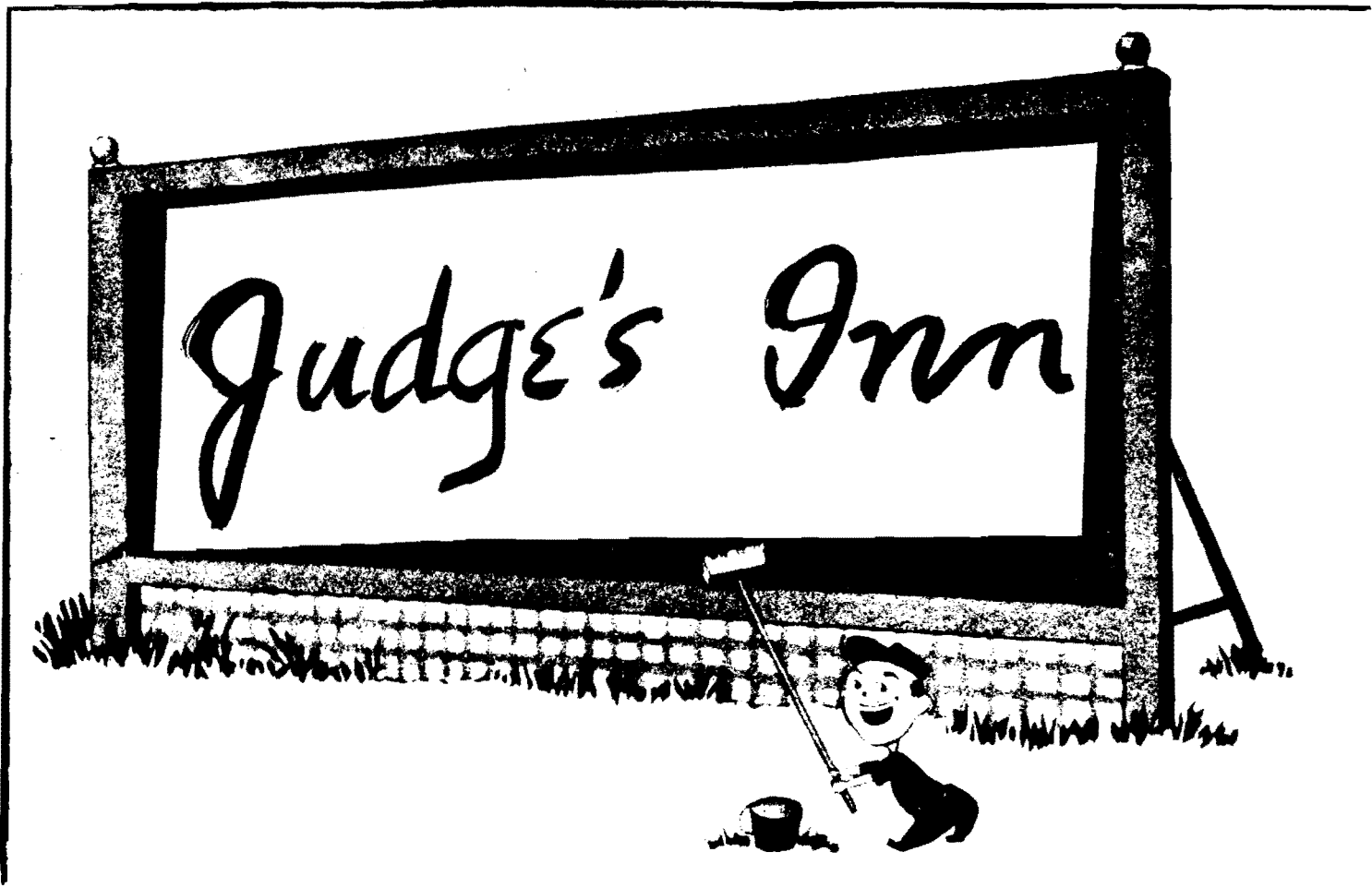
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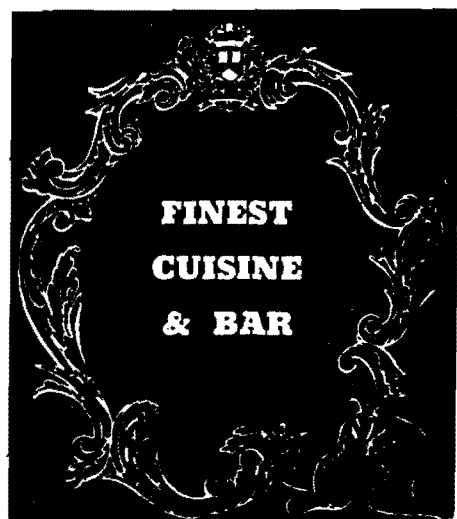
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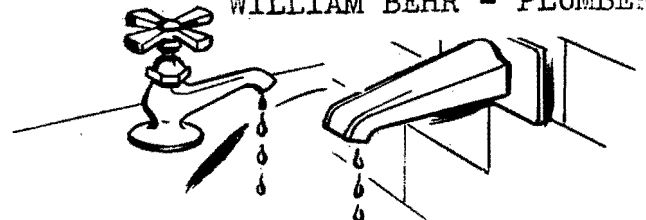
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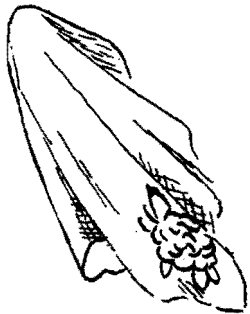
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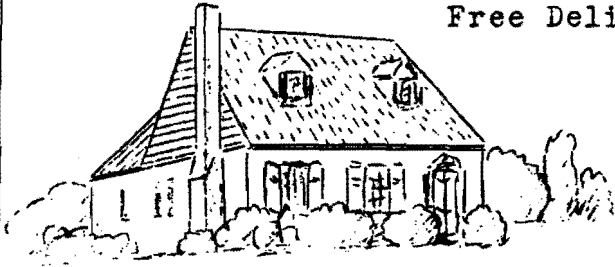
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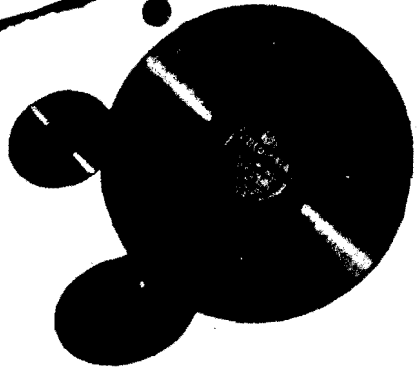
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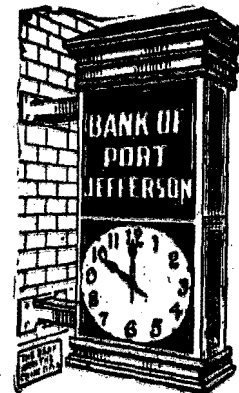
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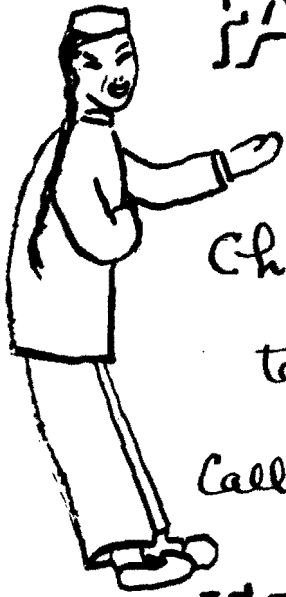
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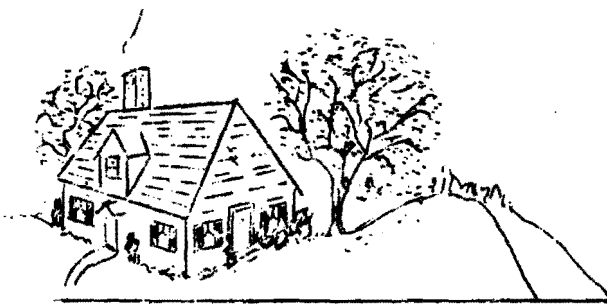
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