

THE GAB BAG

(By Alan Browning, Jr.)

SUMMERFIELD MARTIN

It's funny how one runs across an old acquaintance in unexpected places.

Several years ago when we were running about taking snap shots for the Greensboro Daily Record, the editor of that peppy afternoon journal dashed hurriedly into the office and announced that three prisoners had escaped the Forsyth county chain gang and were having a running gun fight with the sheriff and his deputies in the direction of Greensboro.

Three minutes later we were in the editor's car, en route to Guilford College, armed with a speed graphic camera, a pencil and some copy paper. And when we reached our destination we were informed that the convicts had abandoned their machine and had taken to the woods above the village. It was learned that the convicts were one Summerfield Martin, John McIver, and a youth whose name has escaped us.

Joining the large body of men who had gathered and were scouring the woods to the north of the highway, we encountered wood ticks, mosquitoes and snakes, but never a trace of the fugitives. Men

armed with pistols, with shotguns, with pitchforks and clubs beat every bush and looked into every gully but found nothing (and looked mightily relieved when they didn't).

After about an hour we personally gave up the hunt and hid ourselves to Winston-Salem after a photo of the car in which the desperados had made their escape. Located at last in a barred inclosure, the machine, which was practically new, was a mass of bullet holes. Small round holes in the rear glass and larger holes in the body of the car gave evidence to the hotness of the chase. All told, about 15 or 20 bullets had crashed into the rear of the car, yet the fugitives escaped with their lives.

We had forgotten the whole affair until the trial of Summerfield Martin in Yadkinville last Wednesday. He claimed that 30 years was too much for his participation in a crime that ended a human life. Yet it was no fault of his that several human lives were not snuffed out in that running fight several years ago. He and his companions were shooting at the front of the sheriff's car—and they were shooting to kill!

NO CINCH

Many people are under the impression that a news photographer's life is easy—that all he has to do is to prance around and click his camera. Phooey!

A negro man in Greensboro deliberately shot a white man in the back in Greensboro several years ago with a shot gun, and then took to the tall timbers. The shooting was so unwarranted that feeling ran high and in no time at all a large posse was scouring the timber south of the city, hot on his trail. Then came the report that he had been surrounded in a dense wood.

The editor of The Record figured that a photograph of the search in full swing and another photograph of the capture of the negro would make fine front page material for the afternoon edition. And so he gave us orders to get the photos.

It's exciting to read about posses surrounding and capturing a half crazed negro armed with a loaded double barrel shot gun but getting out in the thickets and hunting for him personally isn't so appealing.

Once we reached the scene a nice policeman gave us a pistol and a pocketful of bullets. We didn't tell him we didn't know which end of the thing to point, but acted very brave and pushed into the woods in company with a big fat policeman who appeared very brave until he would hear a stick snap somewhere and then he would suddenly think of business elsewhere. As for us, we were shaking so hard that we dropped our camera and pistol at every third jump.

At last we closed in upon our quarry. A thick clump of bushes was seen to sway ever so lightly near the bank of a marsh. The posse had come up full strength and the police captain who was in charge gave orders for everyone to be ready to shoot in case the fugitive decided to do business with his shotgun.

All was as still as death. Only the drone of mosquitos as they buzzed about our ears and necks, broke the stillness. Then from the bushes came a faint sound, as if someone moving stealthily—moving to an elbow position in the act of training a very large shotgun upon a very scared news photographer, perhaps. Then suddenly, amid the shouts of the men, a rabbit scurried from the thicket and bounded away!

A few minutes later word reached us that the negro had been peacefully arrested as he entered the town of Liberty, 20 miles south. Shucks, seems like we never will get to be a hero.

HOME MADE WISE CRACK

Simpson was sweating over a cross word puzzle the other day, breaking the points of our pencils as fast as we could sharpen them. Then he asked: "What is a four letter word meaning 'Straight shaft?'" Hard at work and not wanting to be bothered, we answered: "flue?" "Nope," said Simpson, "that's not a straight shaft, that's a straight draft." Can you beat it?"

JOBE FOREFEET BRAYS AGAIN

Seventyville, N. C.
 Scutsville 46, 2391.
 Mr. Browning Editor,
 Gab Bag

Dear Sir:
 In regards to your oration of last week in the gab bag would like to say you insulted me beyond your rights. I have been going to night school and can spell better than as before. Please do not sell calamity as I told you to before but carry it around to Bill Price and get him to fill it up full of meditation soes you can haul off those 312 dozen aigs you collected last week.
 Hoping to hear from you in the gab bag soon

JOBE FOREFEET.

Changing Poultry Feed May Destroy Profits

It is a wise plan to use home-grown feeds for poultry but it is a poor policy to substitute poorer feeds in an effort to keep down expenses. To do so may cut deeply into the profits to be expected from the flocks this season.

"Poultry has suffered along with other farm crops but due to the drop in feed prices in proportion to the prices being received for eggs and because of the mild winter permitting production to stay at level, poultrymen have been much encouraged to go ahead with their work," says Roy S. Dearstyne, head of the poultry department at State College. "However, some poultrymen have attempted to increase their margin of profit by decreasing the feeding or substituting certain feeds which do not give as good results. One of the main substitutions being practiced is to use vegetable protein feeds for animal protein feeds. Soybean meal and peanut meal are good if used in limited quantities but they should not entirely displace the animal protein especially at this season of the year when production is heavy and the eggs are being used for hatching."

Any radical change from the usual methods of feeding at this time is likely to be reflected in the hatchability of the eggs or the livability of the chicks, Mr. Dearstyne says. The breeding hens should be fed so that they will produce only the highest quality of eggs.

Mr. Dearstyne insists that green feed, plenty of sunlight, an adequate mineral supply and milk in some form should be fed the birds to get the best egg for producing healthy chicks. If the breeding birds are to go through a long laying season and maintain body weight, they must be fed a balanced ration. It is particularly unwise to depend on grain feeds alone without mash.

LOOKING BACKWARD 12 YEARS

Interesting items from Tribune files of 12 years ago this week.

The tail-end of the blizzard that swept over the northwest last week, struck us here Saturday afternoon, and Sunday morning we experienced a regular snow storm for a short while. The next time the weatherman foretells a blizzard we hope he will switch it in another direction or side track it where there is plenty of coal.

Attorneys J. F. Hendren and H. H. Barker left Monday afternoon for Washington, D. C. In these days of political strife and turmoil a fellow never knows what the lawyers have up their sleeves.

We hear that the owners of the old "Myrtle Inn" near the depot will have the building thoroughly renovated, refurnished in first class style and opened as a hotel for the accommodation of travelers and the general public early in the spring.

The second quarterly conference for Elkin station, M. E. Church, South, was held here last Friday night. Rev. W. F. Womble, P. E., was present and presided. All members of the board of stewards were present except two. The following were elected delegates to represent this charge at the district conference which will be held at Pilot Mountain on July first: Messrs. J.

NOTICE

By virtue of an order of the Superior court of Surry county as Commissioner, I will sell at public auction, on the premises, on Saturday, the 2nd day of April, 1932, at one o'clock P. M., the following real estate lying in Surry county, N. C.:

First Tract: Adjoining James Mathis, Rufus Ooe and others, beginning on said John Ellis' southwest corner and runs west 8.08 chains to a stake then north 40 chains to a black oak; then east 25.3 chains to his corner, south 29.71 chains to his corner; then west with his line 24 chains to his corner; then south 10.39 chains to the beginning, containing 75 acres, more or less, except one acre conveyed to Cora Coe.

Second Tract: Adjoining the above tract, beginning on a black oak, runs with Crowder's line west to a Spanish oak, Crowder's and J. A. Collins' corner; then west 5 1/2 chains to a stake; then south 14 chains to a white oak, J. A. Collins' corner; then a degree line, being a marked line to a post oak in Jonas McCormick's line; then north with said line to the beginning, containing 20 acres, more or less.

Terms of sale: One-half cash on confirmation of the sale and the remainder to be paid the 1st day of January, 1933. Sale will be made for assets to pay debts against the estate of Jonas F. McCormick, dec'd.

This, the 29th day of February, 1932.

W. P. McCORMICK,
 Commissioner.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS OF THE ELKIN NATIONAL BANK

Washington, D. C.,
 February 16th, 1932.

To All Whom It May Concern:

WHEREAS, upon a proper accounting of the Receiver heretofore appointed to collect the assets of THE ELKIN NATIONAL BANK, Elkin, North Carolina, and upon a valuation of the uncollected assets remaining in his hands, it appears to my satisfaction that in order to pay the debts of such association it is necessary to enforce the individual liability of the stockholders thereof to the extent hereinafter mentioned as prescribed by Sections 5151 and 5234 of the Revised Statutes of the United States, Section 1c, 156, Act of June 30, 1876, and Section 23, Act approved December 23, 1913, known as Federal Reserve Act.

NOW, THEREFORE, by virtue of the authority vested in me by law, I do hereby make an assessment and requisition upon the shareholders of the said "THE ELKIN NATIONAL BANK," For Fifty Thousand (\$50,000.) Dollars to be paid by them on or before the twenty-third day of March, 1932, and I hereby make demand upon each and every one of them for one hundred per cent of the par value of each and every share of the capital stock of said association held or owned by them, respectively, at the time of its failure; and I hereby direct W. H. Spradlin, the Receiver heretofore appointed, to take all necessary proceedings, by suit or otherwise, to enforce to that extent the said individual liability of the said shareholders.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF: I have hereto set my hand and caused my seal of office to be affixed to these presents, at the City of Washington, in the District of Columbia, this sixteenth day of February, A. D., 1932.

F. G. AWALT,
 Acting Comptroller of the Currency

H. Allen, C. G. Arnfield, J. S. Bell and Mrs. W. S. Reich.

Reports which are considered reliable say that in the very near future the wedding bells will ring in Elkin, to announce the departure of another fair belle from the state of single blessedness to that of married bliss. Don't ask us any questions.

The Civic League held a business meeting in the Epworth league room Tuesday afternoon. The meeting was presided over by Mrs. J. B. Horton, president. We learn that the ladies of the town who are members of the league are going to make a determined effort this year to have

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PROGRAM AT THE LYRIC

ELKIN, N. C.

THIS WEEK

Thursday-Friday—

"DANCE TEAM"

With JAMES DUNN AND SALLY EILERS
 They tried to side-step love.

Added—News and Krazy Kat Cartoon

Prices—Day and Night, 10c-30c

Saturday—

"LAW AND ORDER"

With WALTER HUSTON

Gambling dens wide open; every citizen armed; shooting in the corner; lynchings at the lamp posts; a drama of the untamed day when might was right and 45 spelled "Law and Order."

Added—Serial and Good Comedy

PRICES DAY AND NIGHT—10c and 30c

NEXT WEEK

Monday-Tuesday—

"AFTER TOMORROW"

With CHAS. FARRELL AND MARION NIXON

Its drama speaks to every heart that has ever known love. The sweethearts of the world will understand its poignant romance—a boy and girl bravely facing the tragedies and disappointments of today to reach tomorrow's love and happiness.

Added—News and Comedy

PRICES DAY AND NIGHT—10c and 30c

Wednesday—

BIG FAMILY SHOW

"QUICK TRIGGER LEE"

PRICES DAY AND NIGHT—10c and 15c

Free Ticket to Lyric Theatre, Elkin, N. C.
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