

THE GAB BAG

(By Alan Browning, Jr.)

ANOTHER FIRE AND ANOTHER LOT SAVED

Not to be outdone by Elkin in the fire line, Jonesville presented a flaming spectacle early Tuesday morning, burned one house to the ground and as an added attraction, scorched a church.

After hard work on the part of the firefighters, the lot and three brick chimneys were saved.

Sant Holcomb, Jonesville fire chief, didn't awaken to take part in the fire. Some say if he had been on the job, the church might have burned, too.

Water pressure was low and when the church steeple caught fire on the top, instead of throwing water up to the blaze the firemen had to wait for the flames to burn down to the water.

Some confusion was said to have prevailed when the Jonesville fire-fighting equipment was found scattered in three different places.

ADVICE TO MOTORISTS

1. Regulate your speed to driving conditions if a patrolman is anywhere in sight. If not, 60 miles an hour may be dangerous, but it's lots of fun.

2. Drive faster than will permit you to stop within the assured clear distance ahead. Someone may suddenly come out of an intersection or around a curve and it'll be a chance to get your name in the paper, even if it is the funeral column.

3. Do not pass the car ahead unless sure that you will have barely room to squeeze in ahead of the car coming. If you can run it into the ditch, it will bring more personal satisfaction.

4. Have your car inspected once every 19 years.

5. Give the pedestrian an even break. These jagged fractures are so painful.

6. Don't believe that courtesy and common sense are the two greatest friends of accident prevention.

LATEST NEWS FROM THE RAT FRONT

Elkin, April 25.—(Assassinated Press)—A momentary lull was in evidence today as the fighters in the city's rat war, headed by the board of town commissioners, took time out to re-bait traps. Hostilities are expected to continue at any moment as the rats mass forces in the depths of drain spout 32.

Commander-and-chief of the Elkin Anti-Rat 19th Divisional Route Army Mayor M. A. Royall, stated last night that as long as the cheese and the poison held out, his men would hold the city. He was confident of

a clean-up and victory sooner or later.

"We are planning a great drive," he told a representative of the Assassinated Press, as he busily sprinkled poison upon a hunk of cheese, "which we expect to end in the total rout of the rat forces. This drive will be headed by General H. P. Graham, of the 16th brigade, who will be ably assisted by none other than Major Alex Chatham, Corporals M. R. Bailey and H. D. Woodruff.

"The drive will get under way on the morning of April 28. Our first wave, armed with cheese and crackers, will go over the top at 9:34 a. m. and will place the bait at strategic points. Next will come the second wave to be known as the Anti-Rat combat troops, who, armed with clubs and baseball bats, will endeavor to beat the enemy into submission.

"The success of this drive is obvious. The first wave will place the bait at entrances to rat dugouts. When the rats come out to nibble, the second wave will be there to tap them on the head with clubs. Confused by the poison, they will show no resistance and the war will be ours!"

To date an official count has disclosed the fact that two rats have already met death. One was accidentally run over by a truck and the second fell into a tub of water and died of pneumonia.

THIS AND THAT

We once knew of a man who was stricken with an attack of appendicitis. The doctors immediately resorted to ice packs and the patient froze to death.

We also knew of a woman who had her tonsils removed and then talked for months about her "operation."

If there is anything we detest it's a detailed account of how somebody had their gizzard extracted, or something.

One of these days somebody in Elkin is going to obey a traffic ordinance, and that will be news.

It was rumored the other day that a man was seen on Main street with a whole dollar in cash. Think of it!

Overheard at the tax listing office: "Do you own any real estate?" "No, thank goodness!"

These spring nights are too warm for a fire and too cold without.

Bethel News

Ronda, route 2, April 25.—Mr. Joel Mathis was honored last Sunday by several friends and relatives with a birthday dinner. Sunday morning Mr. Mathis went to Sunday school as usual, and returning to his home several followed him with their baskets. Others came and they soon had a table erected where luncheon was spread and thanks was returned by the honor guest. Everyone helped himself for awhile and mingled together, then parting for their homes. Had it not been for the serious illness of Mr. Mathis' father this would have been a complete surprise to Mr. Mathis.

Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Triplett visited relatives at Jonesville last Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. M. B. Mauldin and family spent a while in Jonesville last Sunday with Mrs. Mauldin's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Holcomb.

Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Woodruff and children, of near Boonville, were visiting at the home of Mrs. Woodruff's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Pardue, last Sunday. Mr. Floyd Wilhelm was also a guest in this home.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Green, accompanied by their son, Colonel, were the guest of Mrs. Green's brother and family, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Gray, at Shady Grove.

Miss Juanita Johnson had as her guest last week-end her cousin, Miss Wood, of Elkin.

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Eller, of Jonesville, and Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Pittman and children, Marshal, Jr., and John Frank, whose home is at Atlanta, Ga., visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Jones last Sunday. Mrs. Pittman and children are spending some time with her parents, while Mr. Pittman is stationed at a city in Tennessee.

Question "Bear" Traders

Percy A. Rockefeller, one of the nation's richest men, Matthew C. Brush and other traders on the New York stock exchange have been questioned by the senate's banking committee with a view to finding if there has been a concerted effort to sell short and force American stocks down below real values.

Deny Pardon to Mooney

The fourth California governor to rule likewise, Governor James Rolph, Jr., last week denied to Tom Mooney a pardon from the lifetime sentence given him in 1917 for his part in the Preparedness Day bombing in San Francisco in 1916. Mooney has several times refused a parole.

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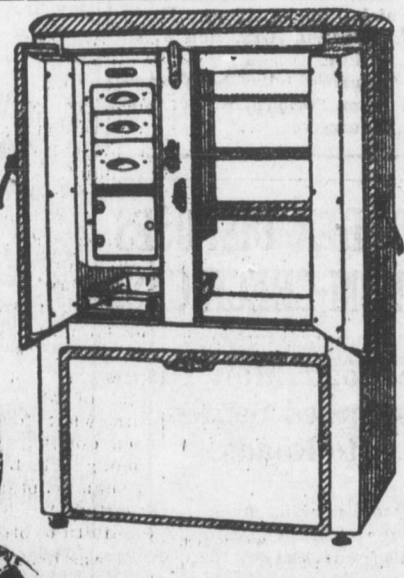
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