

# THE GAB BAG

(By Alan Browning, Jr.)

## SALE—WEDDING

The following was clipped from "Salmagundi," another good column, which appears in The Statesville Record. We trust that Mr. Sronce won't be peeved at us for stealing his stuff:

Even in the best regulated newspaper offices mistakes occur that often prove embarrassing, but the following mixup must have been the result of too much joy-water imbibed by a printer of the old school whose fingers were never so nimble as when they were tingling with the current that is generated with the dram. Evidently he got the copy of a wedding and an auction sale mixed up and was determined to follow it even if it went out the window. Here is how it appeared:

"Public Sale—William Q. Jones, the only son of Mr. and Mrs. Josiah Jones, was disposed of at public auction to Miss Lucy Anderson on my farm, one mile east of Lemonsville, in the presence of several guests, including the following, to-wit: Seven mules, twelve head of cattle. Rev. Jackson tied the nuptial knot. The beautiful home of the bride was tastefully decorated with one John Deere sulky plow, one sulky hay rake, one feed grinder,

one set of double harness, and just before the ceremony was pronounced Mendelssohn's wedding march was given by one muley cow, one Jersey cow to be fresh in the spring carrying a bouquet of flowers, wearing a gown of 300 shocks of corn, nine stacks of hay, forty acres of wheat and a lot of other feedstuff.

"The groom is a young man of good character, stands well in society with twelve Berkshire pigs and six Durocs, while the bride is an accomplished and talented teacher of a splendid sheep, including one ram with pedigree.

"Among the beautiful wedding gifts was a beautiful set of silverware, including six sets of spoons, two sets of knives and forks, one steam engine and thresher, one reaper and mower, one wheel barrow, one go-cart and other articles too numerous to mention.

"The bridal couple left yesterday for an extended honeymoon trip on good terms. Lunch will be served, after which Mr. and Mrs. Jones will be at home to their many friends in their cozy home at the corner of Walnut street. Col. Collier, auctioneer."

**TYPOGRAPHICAL ERROR**  
And speaking of printers and mixed up copy and other troubles of the newspaper game, we might as well print the following verse as clipped from the Monthly Review:

As you say, "She may be empty, but I'll tell the world she's clean!"  
But when the sheet is printed and is out upon the mail,  
On its way to the subscribers, I have never seen it fail—  
In the center of the front page, in a most conspicuous place,  
Some typographical error fairly kicks you in the face.  
For the typographical error is a

slippery thing and sly,  
You can hunt till you are dizzy, but it somehow will get by;  
Till the forms are off the presses it is strange how still it keeps,  
It shrinks down into the corner and it never stirs or peeps.  
That typographical error is too small for human eyes,  
Till the ink is on the paper, when it grows to mountain size,  
And you see that blasted error far as you could throw a dog.

Looming up in all its splendor, like a lighthouse in a fog!  
That glaring blunder juts out like an ulcerated tooth,  
Where it dodged the eagle vision of the napping comma sleuth.  
It is sure too late to mind it, but it fills your soul with rage,  
As you see it swelling loudly in the middle of the page.

The boss he stares with horror, then he grabs his hair and groans,  
The copy reader drops his head upon his hands and moans—  
The remainder of the issue may be as clean as clean can be,  
But that typographical error is the only thing they can see.

It was down among the six-point till the copy was all read,  
When it shifted into blackface or a nice three-column head—  
Then when the sheet was printed it jumped up and hollered "Boo!  
You never saw me, did you? This is sure a horse on you!"

## THIS AND THAT

Haven't had a fire in several weeks now. But maybe the city papas have exterminated all the match-knawing rats.

Those contemplating suicide missed a nice opportunity to secure free poison during the anti-rat campaign. But maybe they feared the hereafter might be even worse than the hereis.

After weeks and months of taking cracks at the way local parking ordinances here are NOT enforced, we found six police tickets on our car last Wednesday night. Revenge with a vengeance, we call it.

But we didn't mean to violate the old parking rules. One wheel was on the sidewalk and the rear end was sticking straight out into the street, but we could have done worse. We could have parked the thing in the lobby of the postoffice.

For the benefit of our out-of-town subscribers, the list of names we have been printing for the last three issues is not a city directory. It's a tax list.

If you are one of these people who like to see other people fling fits, just walk into several of the local stores and ask the owners innocent-like if they are acquainted with a Mrs. Hauser. Then duck low and run like everything!

The lady had looks and system. All she had to do was to select her purchases, throw in a smile with a promise to mail her check, and walk out.

Too bad she had to go get in jail before she could mail 'em.

Now that Mrs. Weir has an incubator, let's hope she doesn't go to counting her chickens before they hatch.

And now, after reading this far, you can stop and take a well-earned rest.

## Swan Creek News

The Sunday school is still progressing nicely. There were 166 present last Sunday.

There will be prayer meeting services at the home of Mr. Harrison Vestal next Sunday night. The service will be in charge of Rev. Isom Vestal, of Fall Creek. Everybody is invited.

The many friends of Mrs. Tom Cheek will regret to learn that she is in the Baptist hospital at Winston-Salem, suffering from a complication of diseases. We hope she will soon be able to return home.

The Jonesville Evangelistic club held services at Swan Creek church last Sunday evening. Everyone present seemed to enjoy the service to the very utmost. The service was in charge of Rev. John Triplett.

Mr. and Mrs. Sebon Reece and children, of near Boonville, spent last Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Weatherman.

Mr. Leonard Reavis spent Sunday with Mr. Paul Swaim, of Ronda.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Myers spent last Sunday with Mr. Myers' parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Myers, of Cycle.

Mr. Jim Stroud and son, Wayne, of Ronda, visited Mr. and Mrs. Robt. Swaim last Sunday.

Misses Mae and Maxine Mathis spent Sunday with Miss Anna Lee Swaim.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Myers, of Statesville, were visitors in this community Sunday.

Mr. Herman Swaim, of Arlington, spent last Wednesday night with his mother, Mrs. Vina Swaim.

Mr. Glenn Swaim made a business trip to Winston-Salem last Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Guy Myers and little daughter, of Jonesville, visited relatives here last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Armstrong Gray, of Pleasant Grove, visited Mrs.

Gray's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jones Mathis, last Saturday.

Mrs. H. C. Cook spent last Saturday night in Jonesville with her brother, Ransom Sparks, who is seriously ill at his home.

Mr. and Mrs. Sherman Weatherman and little daughter, of Fall Creek, spent a short time last Wednesday night with Mr. Weatherman's parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Weatherman.

Misses Callie and Lucy Myers were the Sunday guests of their brother, Mr. and Mrs. Arvil Myers.

## Aged Recluse Is Shot

The body of James R. Bellies, 72, a hermit living in a hut in the Ayersville section of Rockingham, was found last week a quarter mile from his cabin, with a bullet hole in the rear of the head. Robbery of his person may have been the motive. A search of his hut disclosed \$744 stuck into cracks in the wall and other hiding places.

## Reese Bailey Sentenced

Reese Bailey, first arrested in connection with the killing of a Greenville, S. C., officer, was sentenced at Asheville on Saturday to 7 to 10 years in state's prison for the highway robbery of Jack Green, Buncombe county rural officer on April 2.

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One has straight, smooth, sled-runner ribs of rubber where the tire contacts the road.

The other has tough, stout, sharp-edged, sure-biting traction blocks in the center of the tread.

Virtually all tires fit the first description—and the one important exception is the Goodyear All-Weather Tread.

It is interesting to note in this connection that more people ride on Goodyear Tires than on any other kind.

They must find by experience that center traction makes Goodyear Tires safer—but you might like to ask "how much?"

The answer, as nearly as we can figure is—about 10,000 miles.

A new tire with smooth rubber in the center of the tread is no safer than a Goodyear after its tread-center has worn smooth in use.

And judging from average driving experience Goodyear All-Weather Tread Tires keep their clean-cut center traction—their non-skid safety—for somewhere around the first 10,000 miles.

You can draw your own conclusions, but it looks to us as if this made Goodyears 10,000 miles safer than other tires.

There seem to be several million motorists like yourself who have reached the same conclusion, because Goodyear Tires are first choice by millions.

If you want extra safety in the next tire you buy, just ask yourself one question: Why buy a second-choice tire when first-choice costs no more?

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