



THE GAB BAG

- OR -
MUCH ABOUT NOTHING
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ODDS' AND ENDS
We first made our appearance in the journalistic world by selling the Saturday Evening Post . . . And although we put in months of strenuous effort, we never won a bicycle . . . Years later we submitted a cartoon to the Greensboro Daily News. It was published, and did we high hat folks! That was probably the proudest moment of our life, to date . . . From the age of 14 on our sole ambition was to become a cartoonist. A correspondence course costing the amazing sum of \$25 for 20 lessons started us on our way and things went nicely until we reached the sixth lesson. We never did get past that lesson. Every time we would submit drawings on it they were sent back to be done over again. Finally we gave up and quit. We couldn't stand spending so much for postage.

But we didn't give up our desire to cartoon. Finally, when older, came a job in the art department of

the North State Engraving company, of Greensboro. . . We worked under the direction of a real commercial artist who had studied in Scotland and England, not to mention New York. . . In our spare time we did an occasional cartoon for the Daily News and our second proudest moment was when a 4-column cartoon welcoming Colonel Charles A. Lindbergh to Greensboro, was published on the front page . . . We stayed up half the night to get the first edition off the press. About two weeks later we got fired.

Next came a job in the traffic office of the A. & Y. Railroad which lasted approximately six weeks until we landed on the staff of the Greensboro Daily Record as cartoonist, photographer and whatnot . . . It was then our ambition to cartoon was realized. For over a year we drew a daily cartoon which appeared on the editorial page and for the week-end edition we did a six-column strip depicting the news events of the past week . . .

DISTRESS AFTER MEALS

Relieved By Black-Draught
"I had sour stomach and gas," writes Mr. Jess Higgins, of Dawsonville, Ga., "and often I would have bilious spells. I read about Theford's Black-Draught and began to take it. It relieved me of this trouble. I keep it all the time now. I consider it a fine medicine. I take a pinch of Black-Draught after meals when I need it. It helps to prevent sick headache and to keep the system in good order." Get a package at the store. Try it! Now you can get Black-Draught in the form of a SYRUP, for CHILDREN.

The Gab Bag, running in The Record at that time, was sort of an orphan. The space was there to fill and first one and then the other filled it from day to day, accompanied by much grumbling. . . Finally it was turned over to us amid the cheers of those who considered it drudgery. We've had it every since. When the Record was bought by the Daily News, we were again foot-loose and weary. Perhaps we should not have drawn that cartoon of Mr.

Jeffers a few weeks before the merger. Maybe we shouldn't have made his nose so big. Anyway, it was a darn good likeness.

Came days of tramping the streets wondering what was to become of a wife and two kids (We finally took them home to papa) . . . Then a job at ten whole dollars a week in a commercial film studio . . . However, due to a fondness of the boss for attempting to invent such things as sound recording and talking pictures (which had already been invented and perfected long ago), business dwindled and again it was the pavement. (Kindly pardon an old man's tears.)

Next came a job at last upon the Durham Herald-Sun to fill a position during the absence of a regular staff man who was in Raleigh covering the doings of the legislature. For months we covered police court, wrote feature stories for the Sunday edition, and made photographs of all the college football games . . . Then the legislature gave up, exhausted, and the regular man returned to the fold, and there you are.

Everyone knows where we are now with the exception—we hope—of a few sheriffs and minor police officials.

PLANS MISCARRIED
While working in Durham we attended the electrocution of a man in the electric chair at the state prison. And what impressed us most was the calm way in which the warden chewed his tobacco while strapping in the victim and adjusting the death cap.

Shortly after this electrocution we made plans to attend another. The young man who was to be the victim was being tried at the time. But he got off with 15 years.

Those who are unused to the scene of an electrocution are advised to take a dose of ammonia before entering the death chamber. Due to the smallness of the room witnesses are forced to stand within a few feet of the chair.

Big, heavy leather straps, several inches wide, are required to strap the victim in the chair, so strong is the surge of the current. But let's get on a more pleasant subject—like universal cancellation of debts, or something.

ALONG MAIN STREET
Never see Duke Ward but what he wants to "borrow" a cigarette. . . Somehow Q. Snow has never seemed the same since the wooden awning over his store front crashed and broke a plate glass window . . . Wonder what they'll ever do about Choate and Browne pharmacy? . . . A number of local stores and other businesses would do a better business if they didn't allow such a crowd of loafers all the time . . . D. Holcomb may not realize it as yet, but he had a real job wished off on him when he was made chairman of the Associated Charities. We expect Marion Allen to have a nervous breakdown any minute as the result of his year as head of the organization . . . You seldom hear George Royall talking hard times—unless maybe he is talking to himself . . . Doc Abernethy takes spells of wearing his little cap. One day he looks like a druggist and the next like a preacher . . . Les Aldridge is perhaps thinking of planting something in his front yard . . . Jake Brown has gone into the jigsaw business, having made a jigsaw out of an old sewing machine, a piece of pipe and a Popular Mechanics. So far only half the population has tried it out.

THIS AND THAT
Dixie Graham, city tax collector, was said to have sold a city automobile tag the other day.

We understand that after December, 1933, he is going to make a 50 per cent. reduction in the price of the present tags. Sorta stage a clearance, or something.

Eddie Cantor said the other night that he liked his new washing machine all right, only everytime he got in it the paddles knocked him down.

Station G-A-B, broadcasting on a roast to roast-cookup, now signing off.

THE BEAUTY SHOW
It is going to prove very difficult to write anything about Elkin's first beauty show, because one wise crack from this direction would mean off would come a head. And useless as it is, we rather have a liking for ours.

Frankly, and no offense meant to anyone, we are under the impression that each and everyone of the girls who appeared, looks far prettier as seen going about their everyday life here in Elkin and Jonesville, than they appeared upon the theatre stage. Maybe it was the lights and the fact that we were sitting on the floor in the crowd left, but that's the way it appeared to us.

But one thing remains to make the entire event a huge success. And

that's for some movie company to sign up "Miss Elkin, 1933", with a long term contract.

It is understood that many in the audience were disappointed when Jones Holcomb failed to appear as one of the contestants.

GOOD TALKS
Corporal W. B. Lentz, of the highway patrol, and Marlon Allen, attorney at law, both made talks at the meeting of the Kiwanis club Friday night.

Corporal W. B. Lentz, of the highway laws and Mr. Allen took his text from the Bible. And when he got through quoting scripture showing the source of all law, the entire club unconsciously swung into a hymn.

Both speakers made interesting talks. Still, at the close, we kept having a feeling that somewhere, somehow, something was missing. And then right at the last, Mr. Schaff arose to his feet and made an announcement, and the program was a success!

In conclusion we will say for Mr. Schaff's benefit that he, as program chairman for the year, has made a fine start. Only we feel rather hurt that, in outlining his programs for a couple of months, he hasn't even mentioned giving us an opportunity to even make an announcement, much less a speech.

NOTICE
Having qualified as Administrator on the estate of Mary Kapp Wallace, deceased, all persons holding claims against said estate will hereby take notice that they are required to present the same to the undersigned within 12 months from date of this notice will be pleaded in bar of recovery. Also all persons owing said estate will please make immediate settlement. This the 17th day of January, 1933.
I. O. WALLACE,
Administrator.
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NOTICE OF SALE OF REAL ESTATE
Under and by virtue of power and authority contained in that certain deed of trust, dated October 20th, 1928, and recorded in Book 108, Page 35, Surry County Registry, and executed by J. P. Rumley and wife, to the Citizens National Bank, of Raleigh, N. C., Trustee, default having been made in the payment of the indebtedness secured thereby, whereby the entire amount of said indebtedness became due and payable and demand having been made by the holder of said note upon the trustee named therein to advertise and sell the property described in said deed of trust, the undersigned will offer for sale for cash at public auction at the Courthouse door in Dobson, Surry County, N. C., at noon on Thursday, February 23rd, 1933, the following described real estate:
All that certain piece, parcel or tract of land, containing 112 acres, more or less, situate, lying and being on Mitchell's River, in Elkin Township, County of Surry, State of North Carolina, having such shape, metes, courses and distances as will more fully appear by a reference to a plat thereof made by K. M. Thompson, Surveyor, on March 5, 1928, and being bounded on the North by the Jones' heirs; on the East by the Ashburn heirs; on the South by W. M. Wellborn, and J. P. Rumley, and on the West by A. D. Wellborn, more particularly described in Deed from Robey M. Bates, to J. P. Rumley, and wife, Letha Rumley, executed October 25, 1927, recorded in Book 106, Page 576, Registry of Surry County, North Carolina, to which reference is hereby made.
Having such shapes, metes, courses and distances as follows: BEGINNING on an iron wood on the East side of Mitchell's River, old corner, then running with an old hedge tree, and agreed line, South 86 degrees East 8:50 chains to a holly tree in bottom, thence South 83 degrees East 2.50 chains to a stake in center of line ditch; thence with ditch South 87 degrees East 14 chains to an oak tree, near a gate, thence South 80 degrees East 7 chains to a wild cherry, Lester Emma Jones' corner; thence South 87 degrees East 11.50 chains to a pine, thence East 6.25 chains to a rock; Emma Jones', Pack Southard's corner; still East 6.50 chains to the River, then up the river South, 53 degrees East one chain, South 5 degrees East 8 chains, South 25 degrees East 4.50 chains, south 20 degrees East 13 chains to bend in the river, still up the river, South 35 degrees West 8 chains, North 56 degrees West 15 chains, North 62 degrees West 9 chains, North 40 degrees West 6 chains, South 85 degrees West 4.50 chains, South 70 degrees West 13 chains, North 75 degrees West 4 chains, South 66 degrees West 8 chains, still with the river, North 24 degrees West 24 chains to the beginning, containing 112 acres, more or less.
This 16th day of January, 1933.
North Carolina Bank and Trust Co.,
Successors to
Citizens National Bank of Raleigh,
N. C., Trustees.
By: H. M. CORBETT,
Vice-President.
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CONGRESS IN MUDDLE

Congress finds itself, four weeks before adjournment, without a single measure for unemployment or depression relief enacted, while the farmers are in open but orderly revolt in the West and the jobless are begging bread in the cities.

NOTICE OF SALE

Default having been made in payment of the indebtedness secured by that certain deed of trust to me as Trustee for Jefferson Standard Life Insurance Company on December 27, 1929, by A. Goldsmith and wife, P. K. Goldsmith, and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds of Surry County in Book 108 at Page 104, I will, under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in said deed of trust, and at the request of the cestui que trust, and for the purpose of discharging the debt secured by said deed of trust, proceed to sell to the highest bidder, for cash, at the Court House door in Dobson, Surry County, North Carolina, at 12:00 o'clock P. M., on Tuesday, February 28, 1933, the following described land in Mount Airy, to-wit:

Lying and being on the East side of Main Street adjoining the lands of Jackson Bros. and other lands of A. Goldsmith; beginning at a point in the sidewalk, said point being 93.7 feet South of the intersection of Main and Moore Streets; runs thence North 65 degrees 25 minutes East 119 feet; thence South 24 degrees East 43 feet; thence South 65 degrees 45 minutes West 119.5 feet with J. A. Jackson's line to the East edge of the sidewalk on Main street; thence with Main Street North 24 degrees 40 minutes West 42.2 feet to the beginning, being the premises now occupied by Hurl Stores, Inc., together with all rights, privileges and easements in and to the party wall agreement between J. A. Jackson and R. R. Jackson and their wives and A. Goldsmith and his wife.

Together with the right of ingress and egress over and upon that certain stairway and the entrance thereto which is situated on other lands of A. Goldsmith and is North of the premises herein described, said stairway and entrance leading from Main Street to the second floor of the building on the lands herein described and being constructed adjoining the buildings on the lands herein described but on other lands of A. Goldsmith.
This the 23rd day of January, 1933.
JULIAN PRICE, Trustee.
Brooks, Parker, Smith & Wharton, Attys.,
Greensboro, N. C. 2-23

NOTICE OF SALE

Under and by virtue of the authority vested in deed of trust executed by Johnson Oil Company, Incorporated, a corporation created, organized and existing under and by virtue of the laws of the state of North Carolina, to the undersigned trustee, recorded in the office of Register of deeds of Surry County in Book 95, page 172, and default having been made in the payment of the note secured by said deed of trust, at the request of the holder of said note, I will sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, in front of the Post Office in the town of Elkin, North Carolina, on Saturday, the 11th day of February, 1933, at two o'clock P. M., the following described property to-wit:

A certain tract of land lying and being in Surry County aforesaid, and more particularly described as follows:
FIRST TRACT: Beginning at the S. E. corner of lot No. 5 on the map of the Elkin Land Co., in the town of Elkin, Block No. 6 and runs south 25 feet; thence a westerly direction 123.72 to the old R. L. Poindexter line, now W. S. Reich Furniture Co.; thence in a northerly direction with said W. S. Reich Furniture Co., line 25 feet; thence in an easterly direction 123.72 feet to the beginning and designated as lot No. 6 in Block No. 6 on the map of the Elkin Land Co. Also a portion of lots No. 4 and 5 beginning at northwest corner of lot 6 in block 6 and runs north with said W. S. Reich Furniture Co. line 50 feet to railroad right of way; thence in an easterly direction with said right of way 30 feet; thence southward 50 feet to line of lot No. 6; thence westerly with said line 30 feet to the beginning.

SECOND TRACT: Being lot No. 8, block 6 as shown on the map of Elkin Land Co., fronting on Bridge street 25 feet and running west from Bridge street 125 feet. This lot includes a part of the ground on which Peoples' Warehouse stood.

THIRD TRACT: Being lots 7 and 8 in block 6, as shown on the map of the Elkin Land Co., fronting Bridge street 25 feet each and running west from Bridge street 125 feet each. These lots include a part of the ground on which Peoples' Warehouse formerly stood.

FOURTH TRACT: Lying and being on the west side of north Main street in the town of Elkin, N. C., and beginning at a stake, E. C. James' corner and runs with his line south 72 degrees west 117 feet to a stake, his corner in Will Dobbins' line; thence with Dobbins' line north 17 degrees 45 minutes west 55 feet to the south side of Elks-

boro road; thence with Elksboro road north 72 degrees east 110 feet to the intersection of Elksboro road and north Main street; thence leading into Main street on a curve 13 feet; thence south 17 degrees east 42 feet to the point of beginning. The same being lots 14 and 15 of the C. G. Mathis property as sold by Linville-Ball Realty & Auction Co., May 15, 1923.

FIFTH TRACT: Lying and being on the west side of North Main street in the town of Elkin, N. C., and beginning at a stake C. G. Mathis' corner and runs with his line south 72 degrees west 117 feet to Will Dobbins' line; thence with Dobbins' line north 17 degrees 45 minutes west 50 feet to Sam Ray's corner; thence with Ray's line north 72 degrees east 117 feet to the west edge of north Main street; thence with said street south 17 degrees 45 minutes east 50 feet to the beginning. The same being lots No. 13 of the C. G. Mathis property as sold by Linville-Ball Realty & Auction Co., May 15, 1923.

SIXTH TRACT: Adjoining the property of B. S. Call and others and lying on north Main street, Elkin, North Carolina and fronting thereon 95 feet and extending back 150 feet being known and designated as Lots No. 1 and 2 as shown on the map of the Linville & Ball Realty & Auction Company, recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds of Surry County in map book to which reference is hereby made.
This the 11th day of January, 1933.

HARRY H. BARKER, Trustee.
Wm. M. Allen, Atty. 2-9

NOTICE OF SALE

Under and by virtue of the power contained in a certain deed of trust executed to the undersigned trustee by H. H. Moore and wife, Ada A. Moore, on the 23rd day of November 1931, recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds of Surry County in Book 124, page 2, default having been made in the payment of the note secured by said deed of trust and at the request of the holder of same, I will offer for sale at public auction to the highest bidder, for cash on the 11th day of February, 1933, at 2 o'clock P. M., in front of the Post Office, Elkin, N. C., the following described property:

All that certain tract or parcel of land lying and being in Bryan Township, Surry County and bounded as follows: Beginning at the ford of the river in the center of same and runs north 10 degrees west 3 chains to a walnut tree; thence north 4 degrees east 7 chains to a rock; thence south 86 degrees east 4.41 chains to a rock; thence north 4 degrees east 19 chains to a chestnut tree, in the old line; then west 6.50 chains to a stake, corner, in the line of another tract; then north 7 1/2 chains to a stake corner of said land; thence west 12 1/2 chains to a stake; then north 7 1/2 chains to a spanish oak, a corner of an old tract; then west on that line 26 1/2 chains to a pine now down and dead; then south 10 chains to a black gum; then east 8 1/2 chains to a chestnut oak; then south 9 chains to a red oak and chestnut, now dead; then east 4 chains to a spanish oak, an old corner; then south 2 1/2 chains to a spanish oak; then south 72 deg. 15 chains to a stake; then north 86 deg. east 5 1/2 chains to a stake; then south 12 deg. east 4 1/2 chains to a willow; then south 5 degrees east 10 chains to a sycamore on bank of said river; thence down the same as it meanders as to the beginning, containing 80 1/2 acres more or less. See deed dated October 24, 1903, recorded in book 42, page 314, of Surry County. **SECOND TRACT.** Adjoining Thomas Simons and H. W. Wolfe, BEGINNING at a pine, southeast corner of the old Roberts tract; thence north 70 deg. east 8.50 chains to a gum thence east 7 chains to a spanish oak; thence north 74 deg. east 17 chains to a pine fence, north about 18 deg. west by an old line 1 1/2 chains to a stone in the old Norman line, a little south of the creek; thence west and up the meanders of the creek 7 chains to a willow on the south bank of the same; thence south 86 deg. west 4 1/2 chains to a stake of white oaks; thence north 1 1/2 chains to the creek; thence south about 50 degrees west up the meanders of the same creek, 8 chains to a cluster of dogwoods in the old Roberts line; then south with said line to the beginning, containing 58 acres more or less.

THIRD TRACT. Adjoining the above beginning on a maple W. M. Spencer's corner, runs up the south fork with the old bed of the creek to the mouth of stillhouse branch; thence up said branch to fork then up west branch to Wolfe line (Wolfe S. W. & S. Line) then south with said line to a locust sprout, W. L. Wilmoth's corner; thence east 1 1/4 chains to a stone near the spring; then south 5 degrees east 4 1/2 chains to the south fork then down said creek to the mouth of branch, then up said branch 1 1/2 chains then east 6 1/2 chains to a white oak on top of the ridge; then north 13 degrees east along the fence 5 chains to a stone; thence north 93 deg. east 4 1/2 chains to the creek; thence down said creek 7 chains to the beginning containing 20 acres, more or less, to the beginning.

This the 16th day of January, 1933.
EARL C. JAMES,
Trustee. 2-9

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