


THE GAB BAG

OR
MUCH ABOUT NOTHING
BY
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REMEMBRANCES

Last week's commencement and everything brings back happy memories of the time we carried our pet green snake, Oswald, to school and the teacher threw him out the third story window . . . and that time every body in the senior class went on strike because the room teacher, mad about a joke pulled on her in chapel, marked up a surprise history quiz. We played ball all evening and spent the next morning in the office of the superintendent . . . Elected president of the senior class we ruled wisely and well as long as there wasn't anything to do but be president—but when commencement approached and we found we would have to make a speech, we resigned . . . Probably we could have learned, in time, to make a speech, if Mr. Schaff had been our superintendent. What do you think? O, is that so! Well, you're another!

CHEEP! CHEEP!
HOME DEPARTMENT
HEARS EGG TALK
AT PINKHAM HOME
—Headline, Santa Cruz (Cal.) Times

MODERN ALCHEMIST

Mayor John F. Dore of Seattle believes in taking his own financial medicine when it comes to cutting salaries and wages. Last year he reduced his salary from \$1,500 to \$5,000 a year.

THE BRAIN TRUST

Much has been heard and seen, in a pictorial way, of President Roosevelt's brain trust which is giving him assistance in working out the affairs of the nation. Some papers, with slightly Republican leanings, have described the brain trust as a "bunch of musty college professors"

BRIGHT WOMAN LOST 20 POUNDS

Feels Much Better

"June 28th, 1932, I started taking Kruschen Salts. Have lost 20 pounds from June 28th to Jan. 10. Feel better than have felt for four years. Was under doctor's care for several months. He said I had gall stones and should have operation. Kruschen did all and more than I expected." Mrs. Lute Bright, Walker, Minn. (Jan. 10, 1933).

To lose fat and at the same time gain in physical attractiveness and feel spirited and youthful take one half teaspoonful of Kruschen in a glass of hot water before breakfast every morning.

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but the Gab Bag, working through the news channels of the United Pest, refutes this idea and in addition is printing herewith two of the leading members of the brain trust. One look at these two gentlemen's faces will show they are not musty.

To the lower left we have none other than Simon S. Simpson, a fifth cousin once removed of out own



friend Simpson. "Simple", as Simon is called, landed on the President's brain trust when it was found that someone would have to clean the cuspidors and ash trays after each conference.

To the lower right we present the Honorable Oswald H. Gumbersnitz, a distant relative of the local Mr. Gumbersnitz.

The only difference is that one's name ends with "snitz" and the other with just plain "snitz". Mr. Gumbersnitz also holds an important post on the brain trust, but we'll refer you to a letter we received from Mr. Roosevelt last week, for details:



THE WHITE HOUSE Pennsylvania Avenue Washington, D. C.

Editor, The Gab Bag,
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Elkin, N. C.

Dear Browning:

Since your recent visit here at the White House with Mrs. Roosevelt and myself I have been intending to write you, but due to a number of little matters like balancing the budget, putting the unemployed back to work and other little odd jobs I just haven't gotten to it until today.

I am sure you will be gratified to know that a friend of yours, Mr. Oswald H. Gumbersnitz, is now on the pay roll of my brain trust. I added him a short time ago due to the fact that since I employed Simon S. Simpson to clean out the cuspidors and ash trays after conferences, I had to have someone to clean up the mess Simpson makes cleaning up the mess we make.

However, both are getting along fine, and with the exception of spending too much time sleeping in the White House parlor, are doing nicely.

Yours with best regards,

FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT.

P. S. By the way, I've learned the new card trick you were trying to teach me, and I've since perfected another little trick of making Congress jump through a hoop which I am sure would tickle you if you could be here and see it.

The sidewalks constructed here by local relief workers haven't as yet brought any relief to pedestrians—unless they don't give a rip and need a new pair of shoes anyway . . . The Wee Willie Wu Fong Hand Rending laundry is said to be clipping off all shirt buttons and making a special charge for returning them whole. Chop, chop . . . It would have done your heart good to have seen George Royall and Joe Bivins dodge behind a tree the other week when the American Legion billy goat started in their direction. However, both were quite brave when the goat was going in the other direction . . .

THIS AND THAT

It's fun to be schooled but it's more fun to know.

Uncle Tom Brown, in charge of the Kiwanis program last Friday night, had all the windows of the banquet room boarded up. Which led many to believe beforehand that he was planning a speech and was making sure that nobody walked out in the midst of it.

This particular paragraph is being written on Friday, June 2. We wonder if we may be pardoned at this time in wondering whether The

Bank of Elkin will be open when you read this?

Even if the bank shouldn't be open, it will have at least given folks something to talk about. The rumors which have been flying the past two months have kept jaws working overtime.

Two local women tied up traffic on Main street for 10 minutes the other day while, with their cars parked directly in the middle of the street, they swapped preserve recipes. But then, what would the American home be without preserves?

Luckily, local double and triple parkers haven't as yet taken to parking on the sidewalk. That's one thing to be thankful for.

Still, it wouldn't surprise us to find one in our coffee cup some morning.

Andthatisthat!

EXTRA! EXTRA!

Elkin, June 2.—(United Pest)—It was learned today upon good authority that the Hugh Chatham Air-line Bridge, pride of Elkin, Jonesville and Mount Airy, was found to be badly warped and out of line when examined two days ago by a committee of citizens.

An investigation has disclosed that the present condition of the bridge was not apparent before J. B. Parks, well-known local fisherman, hooked a fish from its middle span. It is thought that in the struggle between fish and fisherman the bridge was pulled askew.

CAN'T FOOL POTATO BUGS

(Copyrighted By United Pest) It was learned here upon good authority today that the white washing of the potato patch growing under the management of Uncle Tom

Brown and Nux Harris, guiding lights of the S. P. U. company, has turned out to be a flop. The bugs: thought to have been fooled into freezing to death by the white wash, are alive and doing business as usual.

Mr. Brown, in an interview today, was very much puzzled over the action of the bugs. "It must be," he said, "that the bugs are not educated. Since the whitewash failed I had a sign erected saying 'Keep off the Patch,' but the bugs evidently can't read or else just don't give a rip."

It has been suggested that Mr. Brown have Nux Harris catch all the bugs and have their teeth pulled, but this plan failed to win approval due to the fact that another plan is already under way to smear the plants with sweet candy in hopes it would give the bugs' toothache and run them bughouse.

Another plan thought to have possibilities is one which calls for smearing the plants with salt. Then, when the thirsty bugs rushed to the creek for water someone would be stationed there to push them into the water where they would drown.

Anyone having a better plan for ridding the potato patch of the bugs is urged to write:
BUGHOUSE DEPARTMENT,
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All such communications will be appreciated.

Buggaboo News

Jake Tharpe, of Charlotte, spent Sunday with his mother, Mrs. Jane Tharpe.

Mr. and Mrs. S. M. Burchette and daughter, Eloise, of Purlear, Mr. and Mrs. Lummie Burchette and family, of Winston-Salem, visited Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Burchette Sunday.

Little Miss Jane Parlier, of Wins-

ton-Salem, arrived Sunday to spend the summer with her-grandmother, Mrs. W. E. Key.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Blevins and children, and Mr. and Mrs. Lester Gregory and sons, Sherrill and Don, of Mountain View, spent Sunday with Rev. and Mrs. J. A. Blevins.

Misses Agnes and Anna Belle Pardue, of North Wilkesboro, accompanied Misses Nellie and Charity Boyd and Miss Ruth Anthony home Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. John W. Hurt announce the birth of a son, Thomas Franklin, on May 30th. Mrs. Hurt, before her marriage, was Miss Viola Byrd.

Mr. and Mrs. Pete Jaye and Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Parlier, of Winston-Salem, spent Sunday with Mrs. Parlier's relatives here.

Mrs. Hoyle Anthony spent the week-end with her parents, Rev. and Mrs. J. Z. Adams, of Austin. She

was accompanied home Sunday by her brother, James Adams, and sisters, Misses Blanche and Willye Adams.

East Elkin News

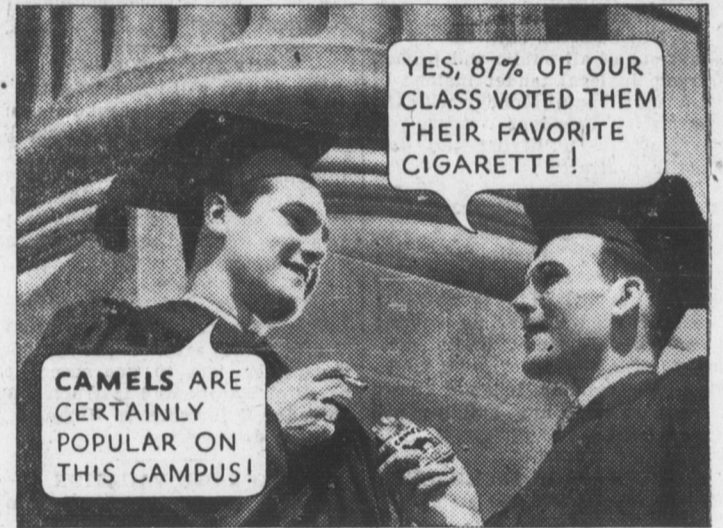
Mr. and Mrs. Lonnie Baker and children spent Sunday with Mrs. Baker's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Cock-erham, of Austin.

Our Sunday school is improving fast. There was a large crowd Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Day visited Mrs. Day's sister, Mrs. Pinnix, at Sparta Sunday.

Mrs. Baker and daughter, Annie, spent the week-end with her daughter, Mrs. Frank Roberson in Jonesville.

Miss Della Lou Osborne spent the week-end with Miss Eunice Gambill.



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