


# THE GAB BAG

- OR -  
MUCH ABOUT NOTHING  
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**WEATHER REPORT**  
Continued dry.

**AFTER THE BATTLE'S OVER**  
Unlike some of the wets around here, we don't mind it being known that we voted that way, even though Lon Walker feared the wets' defeat in North Carolina might have affected our health.

Our interest in the battle was not so great that casting a minority vote could completely wreck our life or bring us to the point of having a violent attack of sour grapes through this column. We voted as we thought was right and if the future shows us to have been wrong we'll admit it, as will perhaps the two or three others here who voted for repeal.

We cast our vote for the repeal of the 18th amendment of the Constitution of the United States. The 18th amendment has been repealed.

But getting back to North Carolina as an overwhelmingly dry state according to the November 7 vote. Judge Hayes said here in a pre-election prohibition address that the repeal of the 18th amendment would not cut out bootlegging. According to the judge, as we remember it, the tax on legalized liquor would be so high that the average man would be unable to purchase it and would have to continue to patronize the illicit liquor dealer.

Granted that he was right, what is to keep North Carolina bootleggers from becoming even worse now with a wet Virginia, Tennessee and Kentucky nearby? With a higher grade of whisky to offer the bootleggers will probably regard the state as a bootleggers' paradise and unless enforcement of our liquor laws is far more strict than it is now,

that's what the state may end up as.

As we see it (are you hanging on our words?) it's up to the dries to see that North Carolina's liquor laws are enforced as thoroughly as it is possible. It's also up to every other law abiding citizen to lend their support to enforcement, because, after December 5 or 6, the Old North State is going to be an island in a sea of legalized whisky—and it's going to take effort a plenty to keep the waves from dashing over her borders.

**ELECTION HIGHLIGHTS**  
We cannot help but grin when we remember a local wet wanting to bet \$10 to \$8 that North Carolina would wind up for repeal. That was just before the polls closed Thursday evening.

Mr. Reich, one of the staunchest dry workers around here, appeared very worried when a drizzle of rain began to fall election day morning. He was fearful the wet weather would keep the dry rural vote at home. However, everything came out all right, including the sun.

We couldn't help but feel hatted when we went to cast our vote. Not a single dry worker rushed up to see if our name was on the dry list. Could it be that they had it in their heads that we were one of those sinful wets?

Just a few minutes ago we received a package from our advertising matrice service. Always on the job, they have mailed out a special repeal supplement. It must have been mailed before the North Carolina vote was cast. Here is what one of the ads say:  
Farewell to gasoline cocktalls and gin-soaked judgment at the

wheel of a hundred horsepower sedan. Farewell to daughters in their teens drinking elbow to elbow with gangsters at a speakeasy bar. To hip flasks and hootch-hiking and three o'clock vigils. The youngsters are coming home!

"Home to the radio and the game room and the roll-back-the-carpet dances. To the family dinner table with its pies and cakes and beer and good red wine. To the wholesomeness of the real America!"  
"Our children are coming home!"

Sounds well enough but we fear sadly out of place.

Some of the women workers at the polls Tuesday appeared greatly worried while the dry election judge was out for lunch.

We saw by last Thursday morning's paper that the dries are now going to turn their attention to repealing beer in the state. We are not especially fond of the 3.2 beer, but can't help but wonder why they don't also include soft drinks and water in their repeal campaign

Oh, well.

**MUTTER AND MUMBLE**  
Oswald H. Gumbertsnitz, who a couple of weeks ago declared himself for repeal, hasn't been seen since the election. . . Maybe he has moved to Virginia. . . Looking over The Tribune it appears the county directory is with us again (tax list) . . . Some of the double parkers here about are really becoming more timid. Instead of cutting off their motors while going into a store to shop and chat they leave them running "However, a careful investigation has disclosed that a double-parked car with engine running blocks traffic quite as thoroughly as one with engine dead. . . Maybe sometime people will get it into their heads that The Tribune will not, under any circumstances, print an article to its readers' opinion column, regardless of the nature of the article, unless it is signed by the author. This does not mean that the writer must necessarily have to have his name appear in print. A communication just received pertaining to school matters contains no signature although the author expresses his or her willingness to pay for its publication. The article in question is now on our desk but will not be printed unless the person who wrote it signs it. . . There is but one place for unsigned articles—the waste basket.

**THIS AND THAT**  
We understand that Uncle Charlie Bodenheimer has cancelled plans for manufacturing a self-kicking machine to be sold to local dries. Might be a market among the wets, however.

A lady in Q. Snow's store the other day, upon hearing the Gab Bag mentioned, exclaimed: "Law, you can't believe anything that you see in the Gab Bag!" without knowing that the author of the Gab Bag was standing nearby. Imagine our embarrassment!

Bob Lovelace was in there, and the election being brought up he naturally started looking around for a soap box.

It is understood that a sign bearing the words: "Bone Dry. Closed all day for the Election" appeared on the door of Q. Snow's store election morning. And ever since Will Holcomb has been wandering around with a self conscious expression on his face.

Hetay Ndeay.

P. S. As a highlight of after election comment, here's what a very fine gentleman whom we have known all our life said in a letter we received the other morning:  
"I guess the double-face politicians are mighty sick in North Carolina over the recent election. The poor governor didn't have the "internals" to come out and declare himself beforehand, and then guessed wrong, as did a lot of others. You don't remember him, but it certainly looked like the shade of Bob Glenn was over North Carolina Tuesday."

**Loans Are Averaging \$150,000.00 Daily**

Columbia, S. C.—Loans closed by the Federal Land Bank of Columbia and the Agent of the Land Bank Commissioner are now averaging \$150,000.00 daily. This will be increased until the volume is sufficient to care for applications currently—the goal set by Governor Morgenthau for the Third District. This flow of cash is going to farmers in North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia and Florida. It is refinancing farm mortgages, buying new equipment, repairing farm buildings, paying personal debts and generally placing farmers on a sound financial footing.  
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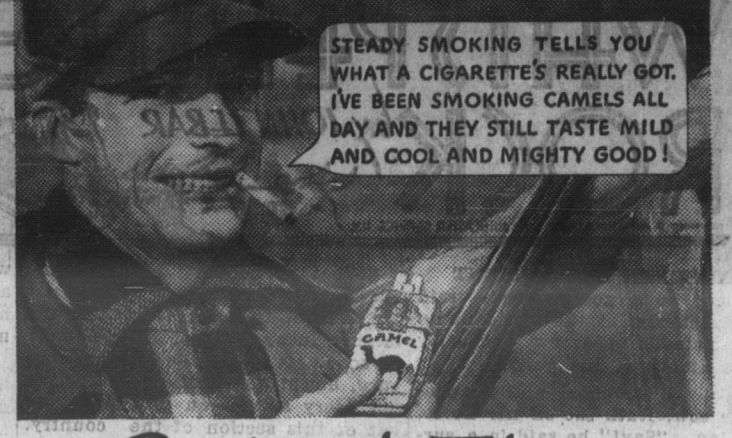
complete and we are clicking more smoothly every day."

**AUTO MAKERS ON CODE**  
After preliminary scrutiny of statistics from the automobile industry, the recovery administration Friday said all motor manufacturers, including Ford, apparently were abiding by the wages and hours prescribed by their code.

**ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE**  
Having qualified as administrator of the estate of Elizabeth King Pyron (Bettle) deceased, late of Surry County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons having claims against the estate of said deceased to exhibit them to the undersigned at Elkin, N. C., on or before October 26, 1934, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment.

This the 26th day of October, 1933.  
RUOHS PYRON,  
Administrator of Elizabeth (Bettle) King Pyron, deceased.  
W. M. Allen, Atty for Admr. 11-23

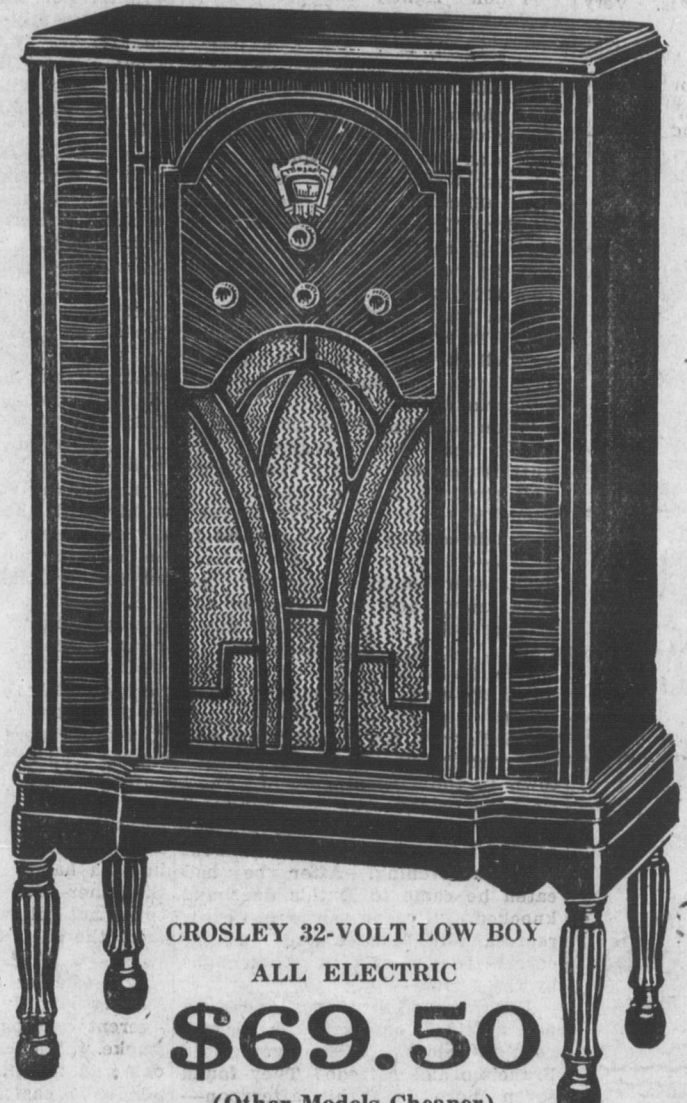
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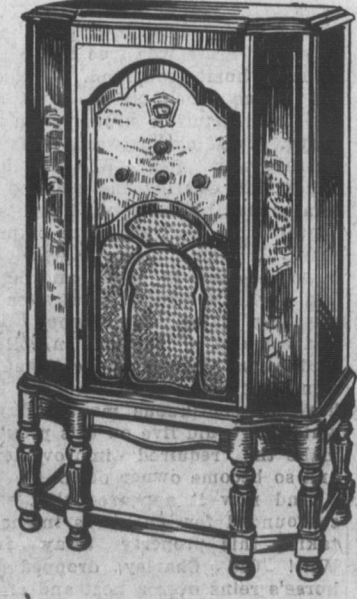


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