



AT RANDOM

To add real interest to local baseball games the powers that be should get any one of the town commissioners to act as umpire. . . It's being told around town that a lady customer called up Will Holcomb and told him to send her out two pounds of steak. She then asked "how is your liver?" to which Mr. Holcomb is said to have responded: "Just fine, thank you ma'm, how's yours?" . . . With the defense in the Eldridge murder case so freely predicting a nol pros, think how embarrassing it would be if it didn't come about. . . All the lawyers say that Judge Oglesby, presiding over the Childress case, is hard boiled as nobody's business. . . If you want anything killed as dead as the proverbial door nail, just appoint a committee to look after it. For instance, take the street markers for Elkin. That matter went to a committee—and oblivion, it appears.

Wilbur Carter was in a few moments ago greatly disturbed. Seems that he was nearly mobbed the other night as the instigator of a few remarks which appeared here last week

on the repulsiveness of gaudily painted fingernails, when as a matter of fact it was our own personal idea. . . But although innocent, Mr. Carter thoroughly agrees that something ought to be done about otherwise attractive young ladies attempting to decorate their fingertips in

the manner of a "going out of business" sale sign. . .

As for anklets, everyone knows of the female aversion to garterless socks on men. . . Yet with perfect disdain for their own appearance many young ladies go the men one better in sloppiness when they come out in anklets. . . But that's just our opinion, which perhaps is not worth the ink that it takes to print it. . .

Column writing—even such an excuse as this—is far more interesting when someone takes exception to something that appears in it. . . As a personal favor will someone please get sore. . . Although we are loath to brag about it, the Gab Bag now has six readers. Three that have read the column since its first appearance, and another who reads it three times. That makes six, even if this last fellow is a proof reader.

John "Arthur Brisbane" Sagar, since doing an article for The Tribune last week on "Lefty" Southard, is seriously thinking of turning out a feature story on "The Private Life of the Earwig," a subject we have had in mind for many years but just never have gotten around to. . .

The Winston-Salem Journal, in a story bearing a local date line last week, stated definitely that Joe Bivins was to act as general manager of the Masonic Picnic here this year. . . And Mr. Bivins states just as definitely that he ain't gonna do no such thing. . . In selecting a jury last week to try the Tilley case, each man was asked if he had read of the case in the newspaper, and if so, what paper? . . . That fellow who said he'd never heard of the case should make a fine juror. He ought to have an open mind, at any rate. . .

The pool room may open and the pool room may close, but we're going on in the even tenor (or barritone) of our way and refuse to bother about it any more. . . It's been a great strain on us to open it one week and close it the next—and be wrong in every story. . . Wonder how Sunday baseball would work here? Huh? Well, 'taint no harm in wondering, is there? . . . We've heard Elkin is going to have night baseball next year. . . And that's not all we've heard, but then you can't tell everything. . .

It's a sight how much black ink one can get on a clean shirt in a printing office. . . We could have perhaps done better as a vice-president of a busted bank. . . Speaking

of banks, who remembers when bank failures were played down by the newspapers—and two or three went flooie every day. . . And when they were closing up all over the country by executive order—and hysteria was becoming more and more apparent—and when Mr. Roosevelt came along? . . . Yet some folks would have other folks believe that times are no better. Bunk!

Everyone is talking about the Tilley case these days. . . Some think they'll all come clear and others don't. . . And all of them know very little about it. . . Remember the Alma Gatling case in Reidsville a number of years ago? . . . And "Thunderbolt" Pardue, the tattling parson? . . . He used to drop into the Daily Record office in Greensboro ever so often—after further publicity. . . Nothing so distasteful as a publicity seeking preacher of his type.

We're going to have to change the picture at the top of this column. . . Too many people remarking on the likeness. . . The end. . .

P. S. This column was written last Thursday—which should explain a number of remarks pertaining to the Tilley case which ended Saturday.

Bethel News

Ronda, Route 2, Aug. 13.—Mrs. C. L. Morrison recently returned from Iredell county, where she has been on an extended visit for several weeks with relatives, spending the most of the time with a sister-in-law, who with Mrs. Morrison, are the only members of the immediate family living. Mrs. Morrison had the pleasure of attending the annual home-coming at her old home church where her family worshiped for many years past, and this sacred place is dear to her.

Mr. N. E. Burchette, who has been confined to his home for the past year, suffering a paralytic stroke, has not been so well for the past few days.

Mrs. C. W. Gilliam is spending some time in Winston-Salem with her daughters, Mesdames J. B. Armstrong and Louis Ferlazzo.

Mr. and Mrs. Lytle McBride, of Greensboro, Mr. and Mrs. Fletcher McBride, of Jonesville, and Mr. and Mrs. Fred McBride, of Elkin, were here at their paternal home last Friday and Saturday to be with their mother during the hours of bereavement in the death of her brother. Much sympathy is felt and expressed in this community for the entire family of Mr. Mathis, whose sad death occurred at his home last Friday evening near Swan Creek.

J. T. Stroud attended court last week at Wilkesboro as a juror.

Little Miss Francis Gilliam, of Jonesville, is visiting her aunt, Mrs. J. T. Triplett, this week.

Mr. R. A. Morrison, of Roaring River, is here visiting for a few days. Mr. Morrison was a former resident of this community, and has many old friends and neighbors who are glad to have him visit with them. He is 82 years old but seems very active and cheerful.

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Eller, with their daughter, Miss Emma, of Jonesville, and Mr. and Mrs. Marshall Pittman and children, of Knoxville, Tenn., who are spending some time in the home of Mr. Eller, visited Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Jones here last Saturday evening.

Mrs. J. T. Stroud and little son, Thomas, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Seamon Dobbins, of Elkin, were the dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Ferlazzo, last Sunday at their home in Winston-Salem on West 5th street.

It seems as if it is one of the busiest times of the year now for the farmers as they are gathering and curing tobacco and is almost time to gather fodder and hay.

Corn crops are looking fine. We have been blessed with fine showers all summer. However the hail and wind storms that visited this section about four weeks ago did some damage to corn and tobacco.

Mrs. W. A. Pardue and son Millard, spent most of the day last Friday at their farm in Surry county, near Burch, on business.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Stroud and son, Ray, of Wilkesboro, and Mr. and Mrs. D. S. Gilliam and children, of Jonesville, spent a while with Mr. and Mrs. Bill Gilliam last Sunday and enjoyed some fine water-melons.

Owing to the death and funeral of Mr. Mathis the congregation was small at church here last Saturday and Sunday. The pastor, Rev. Mr. Pardue, who was called to be in the Mathis' home, also to assist in the funeral rites, filled the pulpit both Saturday afternoon and Sunday morning. Communion services were to have been observed at the eleven o'clock hour Sunday, but due to the fact that two of the deacons, Messrs. J. F. Mathis and John McBride, could not be present, it was deferred until the 2nd Sunday in September at the regular time for service.

Maple Springs News

Miss Ruth Boyd, of the Brier Creek community, is spending some time here the guest of her brother, Paul Boyd.

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Green, of

High Point, were the week-end guests of Mrs. Green's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Sparks.

Several young people of this community and the Little Elkin community, enjoyed a delightful party recently at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Hemric.

Mrs. F. M. Howell and son, Clark,

and Mr. and Mrs. Ebb Holbrook, visited friends and relatives in Virginia Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Spurgeon, of High Point, were the week-end guests of Mr. and Mrs. John Sparks.

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