



# THE GAB BAG

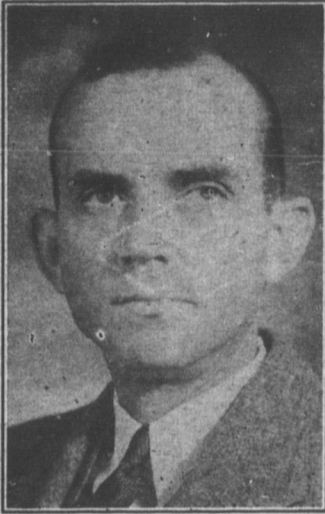
By ALAN BROWNING, Jr.

## HENRY DOBSON

In introducing Henry Dobson to the nine pee-pul who weekly follow this column, it is needless to go very far back into the past because Mr. Dobson's past was written about when he was running for the state legislature.

As everyone knows who followed the goings on and doings of the recent legislature, Mr. Dobson occupied a seat in the house of representatives—that is, he was in his seat when he wasn't being buttonholed by groups from Surry county wanting this and that done.

As a legislator he managed to go through the entire session without going crazy personally, although there are some old mean folks who will contend the legislature as a whole did a lot of crazy things. He also performed notable service to his county in aiding the passage of a number of important bills necessary to the county's welfare.



At the present he is in Elkin where he is employed by the Chatham Manufacturing company. We've heard from a number of sources that he is spending a lot of his time secretly grieving over a bill that he fathered when at Raleigh and which, through some oversight, or something, failed to get made into a law.

Although we don't have all the facts handy, we understand that his bill provided for the plowing under of every third row of cockleburs. According to our informant, cockleburs are the bane of every wool manufacturer due to their habit of becoming entangled in the wool of the sheep as they make their rounds of the pasture. And a cocklebur all wrapped up in wool is something else again to get out.

By plowing up every third row, Mr. Dobson figured the trouble and worry of the Chatham Manufacturing company would be reduced one-third. Just why he didn't want all the rows plowed under and thus reduce the cocklebur problem to absolute zero, is not known.

It is believed the bill failed to pass when a brother legislator happened

to find out that cockleburs don't grow in rows at all.

### FOR GOODNESS SAKE!

The following excerpts from letters actually received by the Pension and Compensation board in a large city, are reprinted from The State which in turn picked them up from The Sanford Herald:

"I cannot get sick pay. I have six children. Can you tell me why it is?"

"This is my eighth child. What are you going to do about it?"

"Sir, I am forwarding my marriage certificate and my two children one of which is a mistake as you can see."

"Please find for certain if my husband is dead, as the man I am now living with won't eat or do anything until he knows for certain."

"In answer to your letter I have given birth to a boy weighing 10 pounds. I hope this is satisfactory."

"Please send my money at once as I need it badly. I have fallen in error with my landlord."

"In accordance with your instructions, I have given birth to twins in the enclosed envelope."

### THIS AND THAT

Hearts beat faster in hundreds of childish breasts last Saturday when Santa Claus arrived in town on the morning train. But interspersed amid the joy and laughter, here and there were tears as mothers, afraid their tots would get run over by cars or trampled in the crowd, refused to let them run pell mell after Old Saint Nick as he toured the town in a truck.

But they weep tears that will soon be forgotten in the anticipation of Christmas night when Old Santa, traveling alone this time, and in the darkness, will steal into myriad homes and leave gifts for all good little boys and girls.

Which brings another thought—a thought of those children whose parents, due to lack of employment, might not be able to aid Old Santa in filling little stockings on Christmas night—and thus set the stage for heart break in the morning.

That's the situation the Associated Charities and Elkin Kiwanis club are planning to wipe out here. But they can't do it alone, so it's up to all of us to pitch in and do our part. The moving picture show scheduled for Saturday, December 21, will aid lots in making many a home happy Christmas if Elkin children will enter into the spirit of the occasion and take gifts galore as their part in bringing Merry Christmas to those less fortunate.

Those in charge of the show have decided that toys will not be accepted as the price of admission. Everyone going must take a gift of food. The Elkin Boy Scouts are going to look after the toy end.

Let's not forget this show. It's for a great cause and you can have a lot of fun to boot.

Next week we are going to publish our annual "Letters to Santa Claus" edition of the Gab Bag. Simpson is in charge of this department and he wants it announced that all merchants, business men or other prominent citizens who desire to transmit their Christmas desires to Good Old Saint Nick, should get in touch with him at once. In order to make it more convenient—and as an added service on the part of this column—Simpson will be inside of Mr. Graham's mail box located in front of the postoffice, on December 14, 15 and 16, to receive your letters. Please don't feed him as he requires a special diet.

But it will be all right to feed us most anytime.

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"I hope that's a nice book for you to read, darling," said a conscientious mother to her very young daughter.

"Oh, yes, mummy, it's a lovely book, but I don't think you'd like it. It's so sad at the end."

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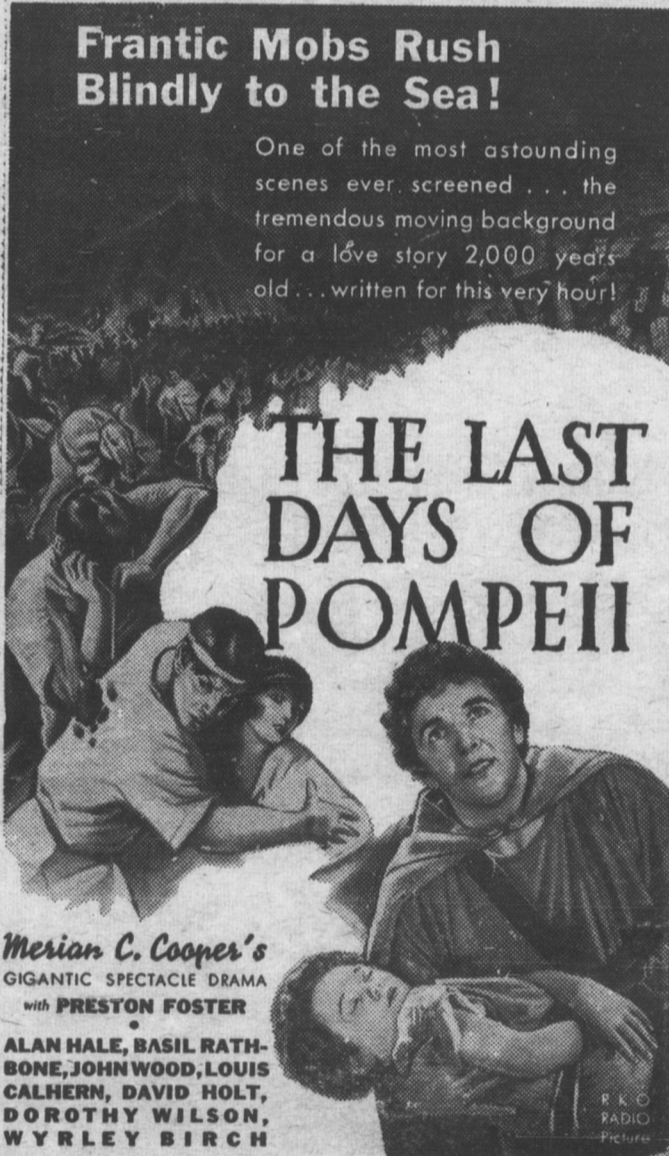
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News

Admission 10c-25c

SATURDAY—

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## NOTICE!

Due to the fact that Christmas Day comes on Wednesday, we will not have a 10c family show Christmas week. Admission Christmas Day will be 10c-25c.

### When Your Head Feels "Stuffy"...



Apply Va-tro-nol... just a few drops.

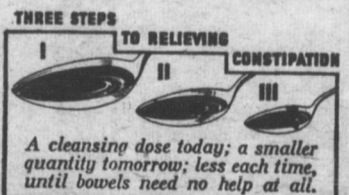
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Why do people come home from a hospital with bowels working like a well-regulated watch?

The answer is simple, and it's the answer to all your bowel worries if you will only realize it: many doctors and hospitals use a liquid laxative.

If you knew what a doctor knows, you would use only the liquid form. A liquid can always be taken in gradually reduced doses. Reduced dosage is the secret of any real relief from constipation.

Ask a doctor about this. Ask your druggist how very popular liquid laxatives have become. They give the right kind of help, and right amount of help. The liquid laxative generally used is Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin. It contains senna and cascara — both natural laxatives that can form no habit, even in children. So, try Syrup Pepsin. You just take regulated doses till Nature restores regularity.

### COMING ATTRACTIONS

Dec. 19-20—  
Forsaking All Others  
Dec. 23-24—  
O'Shaughnessy's Boy

Dec. 25—  
Here Comes the Band  
Dec. 26-27—  
I Lived My Life