

THE GAB BAG

By
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HMM-M-M!

"Our dream has come true at last," we told the boss as we proudly exhibited the plate of the new column heading which appears above.

"Hmm-m-m," he said, "It might be a dream to you but judging from the looks of it, I'd say it will be a plain nightmare to your readers, if any!"

And that, ladies, gentlemen and children, is the way they talk about us right here at home! One would think, one would, that right here in the office one would be entitled to a little sympathy. Just because we give our readers a little variety in the heading they start making wise cracks—even those whose pictures were published here when we were running our "Who's Who" series—and goodness knows we were polite enough not to make fun of some of the pictures that appeared here then.

Of course the photograph above is not quite as flattering as the drawing used heretofore, but we can't be blamed for making ourself as pretty as possible in the drawing can we? We did the best we could with the photograph, taking out deep wrinkles, adding a little hair here and there and uncrossing the eyes, because after all we don't want to scare the children too much. We even went so far as to put on a necktie when we had the picture made.

But do we get any credit for that? Not on your life. Why chances are that right now there are hundreds of people sitting at home by the fire, not wondering how they are going to pay their coal bills, but thinking up wise cracks about the face that launched a thousand quips.

So far as we know we're the only Browning to ever have his picture appear in print. Of course we're not counting Uncle

back down the line we had a great, great uncle who wanted his picture painted, but got mad because the artist insisted on painting in the bars.

(Nancy, if this account of your kin and ancestors is causing you any undue embarrassment, we're just fooling.)

But to get on about pictures, painting and things. Family records show that there was another uncle who sat for a portrait for 20 days, but didn't see it completed because the artist, when he got around to doing the nose, ran out of red paint.

We guess we come by our fondness for digging back among our ancestors honestly, for we've got a sister who, upon getting married, started digging back among the ancestors of her husband. And she got so interested that she ordered the family coat-of-arms from some firm in Texas which specializes in genuine coat-of-arms made to order.

When it came our sister was awful proud of it. It was rather pretty and impressive, having some Latin words on it, and a picture of a unicorn and a lion, but unfortunately, in loaning it around to the neighbors so they could admire it, it got lost.

Well, not to be outdone, our sister ordered another. And this time the coat-of-arms was altogether different! Which goes to show that fashions change with the seasons, even in the coat-of-arms business.

As for the Brownings, we've never ordered us a coat-of-arms. Of course it would be nice to have one hanging around the house, we guess, but when you get right down to it, what does it get you? And besides, it would be right expensive what with the styles changing from year to year.

Our father was never a man to dig around among his ancestors much. We have never been able to figure out whether he just doesn't care, or else believes in leaving well enough alone. He did start tracing back one time, though, but when he got back to Noah and the ark, he quit. He always was one to get sea sick.

Winston-Salem, visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. G. F. Pardue last Saturday.

Miss Edith Pardue spent Sunday with her parents near Brier Creek.

Mr. A. C. Osborn is still confined to his home, we regret to note.

Misses Mae and Lizzie Hemric of Jonesville, spent the week-end here with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Hemric.

DENVILLE

Mr. and Mrs. Ted Swaim, of Winston-Salem, were the week-end guests of Mr. and Mrs. Marcus Redding.

L. F. Walker, of Elkin, visited his father, Rev. M. Walker, Tuesday. He also visited his sister, Mrs. Percy Chambers.

Miss Pearl Walker, of Winston-Salem, attended the funeral of her cousin, Clay Walker, at Pleasant Grove church Wednesday. She also visited her mother here.

Carlos Chambers, small son of Mr. and Mrs. George Chambers, has been quite ill, we are sorry to note.

James Gray, son of Mrs. Dare Chambers, is ill, we regret to note.

George and Calvin Weatherman were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Pettis Wellborn at Roaring River Sunday.

Misses Lucille and Annie Hemric and Louise, Ina and Viola Pinnix, all of Cycle, were the Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Calloway.

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Wellborn

and children and Cleve Gray and little son were the guests Sunday of Mrs. Stella Hemric at Cycle.

Hugh Sparks, of Greensboro, was the overnight guest Friday of his father, M. W. Sparks.

Willie Elledge was elected president of the B. Y. P. U. Sunday night to succeed James Younger.

Miss Lucy Sparks has returned to her home from a visit to her brother in Greensboro.

Mr. and Mrs. Reece Sparks had as their dinner guests Sunday Mr. and Mrs. Coy Calloway and Misses Rama and Jennie Sale.

Friends of Miss Winnie Sparks will regret to know that she is ill with a severe cold.

ADMINISTRATRIX'S NOTICE

Having qualified as Administratrix of the estate of W. J. Burckham, late of Surry County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons having claims against the estate to present them to the undersigned at Elkin, North Carolina on or before February 9th, 1940 or this notice will be plead in bar of their recovery.

All persons indebted to the estate will please make immediate settlement.

This 9th day of February, 1939.
MOLLIE C. BURCHAM,
Administratrix of the estate of W. J. Burckham, deceased.

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News — Admission 10c-25c

SATURDAY—

FRONTIERS of 49

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A COLUMBIA PICTURE

Cartoon - Serial - Comedy — Adm. 10c-30c

NEXT WEEK

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ROSALIND... had her name in the social register!
KATY... wasn't even listed in the telephone book!

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News - Cartoon — Admission 10c-30c

WEDNESDAY—

FAMILY SHOW

"Legal Traffic"

Cartoon - Serial — Admission 10c to All

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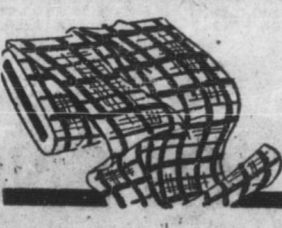
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