

THE GAB BAG

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AT RANDOM

Had a postcard the other day from our sister, who lives in Princeton, N. J., which bore the helpful suggestion that we buy a trailer and move into it, then when moving time comes again, move the trailer. We had already thought of that, but thanks just the same.

Nancy, by the way, was spending an extended vacation of four hours at Atlantic City. She always was one to do things in a hurry.

We also had a letter, 2-cents postage due as usual, from our Uncle Culpepper. He said he was awful glad it wasn't him that had to move, because it would be so inconvenient to find a new place for his hogs. "I don't believe they would stand for a small apartment," he said, "after being used to a large house."

Uncle Culpepper, we regret to state, can be awfully mean in many respects, but when it comes to the comfort of his pigs, he has a heart of gold. Many's the time Aunt Frousy has had to entertain in the kitchen because the old sow was listening to the radio in the livingroom.

It's funny how a man as mean as Uncle Culpepper can be so chicken hearted. He can't stand the sight of blood; even a tiny scratch makes him swoon. Once, when he was bitten by a mad dog, he made Aunt Frousy take the daily shots.

He's a man that doesn't like to work. It's awfully lucky for him that the land on his farm is so rich that it takes a minimum of effort to cultivate. However, the very richness of the soil nearly resulted in tragedy for him last spring.

He planted some corn, and the stalks came up so fast that he had to stand by the stalks and pull the ears off as they went by. Unfortunately, an ear of corn caught in his belt and carried him up so high that for two weeks Aunt Frousy had to shoot biscuits up to him with a shotgun to keep him from starving to death.

But enough about Uncle Cul-

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pepper, and over to Jonesville. Have you noticed how they're going to town over there? New sidewalks, new streets and better streets. And at the bridge end a new super de luxe filling station is going up on one side of the highway and a garage on the other. It would appear that any boom that might be in sight is centering itself in Jonesville.

We don't want to tell them how to run things over there, because we have enough on our hands here in Elkin, what with a mayor and board of commissioners on our hands, but street lights would pep up their town quite a bit.

It's interesting to watch those big dirt moving machines down at the Chatham Manufacturing Co. As a kid we used to watch similar work when the motive power was mules hitched to a hand scoop. In order to move a mere handful of dirt, it took two mules and three men, one to drive, one to handle the scoop on the fill and one to dump it. Now, one man handles the entire job, and the machine handles a truck load of dirt in one operation.

What with the boss ill, but doing nicely, thank you, we haven't had the time to get down there much and sort of look after things, which may be a good thing for the construction company. We can't help but wonder if a big sign, which says "No Loafing on this Job," wasn't put up for our own particular benefit.

Still, with a cheap telescope mounted on our camera tripod, we might get by for an engineer.

The DOCTOR
Tells the Story
C.W.E. Amphibious, M.D.

How to Outwit Criminals
Juvenil, a Roman satirical poet said in the year 80 A. D.: "If you wish to be anybody nowadays, you must perpetrate a crime that merits banishment or execution and escape punishment."

This one remark by that well known sage indicates that criminals thrived during the dawn of civilization and caused the authorities as much trouble, and the law observing citizens as much cause for speculation, as they do today.

As everyone knows plastic surgery has been utilized by those antagonistic to established customs to alter the configuration of the face, hands and other portions of the body, thus enabling criminals to escape identification. Many of the underworld denizens have actually had surgeons create scars on their faces and bodies for this same purpose and it is a matter of record that others have even had their eyes altered so that they changed from cross-eyes to normal eyes or from normal eyes to cross-eyes, as best served their purpose.

In numerous instances the ridges and whirls necessary for the fingerprint expert to study have been partially or completely erased by burns and chemicals. This is what enabled Dillinger, Van Meter, Klutas, Nelson and other public enemies to escape capture for such a long time.

During the past few years two men, Dr. Carleton Simon and Dr. Isadore Goldstein, have devised and perfected a new method of identification, which will undoubtedly come as a terrific shock to criminals. It is based upon the many variations of patterns made by the interlacing network of blood vessels of the

retina or background of the human eye.

It answers the challenge which the haughty and intellectual criminal issued to society, because it permits of no surgical attempts to alter this part of the body, without the great risk of blindness following—a risk even too great for the criminal minded to undertake.

Not only is the arrangement of the blood vessels of the eye permanent throughout life, but remains so for a long period after death. By the aid of a retinal camera, the retina or background of the eye can be quickly photographed through the eyes, and it does not require any medical skill to do so, being a simple mechanical procedure, which requires a fraction of a minute to accomplish.

Either or both eyes may be used. Any layman can do this work and the method of identification is as simple as that of fingerprint identification. Thousands of photographs thus taken show beyond doubt that no two retinal formations are identical. Crime cannot compete with science.

BETHEL

Several from here attended the commencement exercises at Jonesville high school last week. Miss Pauline Morrison, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Morrison, of this place, was a member of the senior class there this spring.

Mr. C. W. Gilliam preached at Little Elkin church last Sunday evening. He was accompanied by Mrs. Gilliam and his brother, Mr. D. S. Gilliam.

Mrs. Thomas Myers and children have returned to their home at Mullins, S. C., after an extended visit to her mother, Mrs. R. G. Myers.

Carl Durham spent last Saturday night and Sunday visiting his sister and family, Mr. and Mrs. Baity Larry, of Elkin.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles T. Jones

accompanied Rev. Clete Simmons and a quartet from Pleasant Hill church to Reidsville last Sunday for a service there.

Rev. W. F. Lawrence, of Jennings, will be at Bethel church here next Sunday to assist the pastor in the regular service. Rev. Mr. Lawrence was here during the revival last year and won the friendship of many who will be glad to hear him. A good congregation is expected at preaching and also for Sunday school. There was a good attendance at Sunday school last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Hemric, of this place, visited their daughter and family last Sunday, Mr. and Mrs. Wake Byrd, of Clingman.

Several relatives from here have been visiting Mrs. Julia Pardue, who is seriously ill at her home near Cycle.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Durham had as their dinner guests last Thursday her mother, Mrs. Mollie

Jolly, and Mr. and Mrs. Haywood Wagoner.

Eugene Jones and Paul Mathis attended the singing at Shady Grove church, in Yadkin county last Sunday afternoon.

Major Pardue and sister, Miss Alice, were the guests last Sunday of their sister and family, Mrs. A. P. Woodruff, of near Booneville.

Junior Mathis underwent a tonsil operation last Friday at the Hugh Chatham Memorial hospital at Elkin.

Miss Louise Morrison, of this place, with Mr. and Mrs. Claude Farrell and the personnel of the Graham & Click store at Elkin, where she holds a position, attended a meeting at Charlotte on May 30. Miss Morrison was accompanied by her brother, Elmer Morrison, and Miss Mary Nell Gray.

Mrs. C. W. Gilliam, Sr., is visiting her son and family for two

weeks, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Gilliam, Jr.

Mrs. Maynard Langworth and children, of Roanoke, Va., who are visiting her mother and other relatives, were the guests of her sister and family here last Saturday, Mrs. J. F. Mathis.

Misses Norma and Kathlene Gilliam were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Gilliam at their home on Surry avenue, Elkin, last Friday and Saturday.

Mrs. G. F. Pardue visited relatives at Jonesville last Sunday.

A half-truth is a half-brother to a lie.

Not Enough Boy
An old gentleman, seeing a small boy having some trouble getting away with a very large apple, remarked, "Too much apple, isn't it, sonny?"
The small boy, his mouth full of apple, replied, "No, sir, mister, not enough boy."

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