



**THE GAB BAG**  
By ALAN BROWNING, JR.

**LOOKING BACKWARD**  
The other week we printed some items from a copy of The Elkin Times of many years ago which brought quite a bit of comment from the Gab Bag's nine readers. This week we are going back into history—not very far, just 1933—to recall this column's rather foolish comment on current events of that time that no doubt are now practically forgotten. We're picking up part of the column of March 16, 1933, word for word:

**A GOOD IDEA, AT THAT**  
It was last Thursday, while we were holding conference after conference upon design, paper and color of ink of Elkin's new scrip money that Simpson, now office boy to the assistant editor of the United Pest, dropped into our office.

it was issued couldn't tell whether they had a quarter, a dollar or a five-dollar note.

"Easy enough," said the United Pest pest, "and that's where the real brilliance of my idea comes to the fore. Before spending the scrip the spender must first light a match and hold the flame under the note to bring out the hidden printing. In that way they will be able to determine the denomination."

But, we reminded him, that would take too many matches.

"Ha!" he said, "that's the point. What this country needs now is more spending and buying. Thus by using lots of matches you'll be helping the match manufacturers. You'll be putting money into the channels of trade and stimulating the match business."

It was at this point a paper dropped from his pocket. And before he could recover it, we recognized it to be a stock certificate in a well-known match company. No wonder he was so

interested in increasing the match business!

Which all calls to mind the trying times that Elkin has passed through even in the brief time that we have been here. We'll never forget the looks of disbelief and dismay on the faces of everyone when the Elkin National Bank failed to open one bright morning in 1932—even though other banks throughout the country had been closing daily. Yet, and it seems to be typical of this town, within an hour or so after the news had broken, the merchants were busy coining and distributing wise cracks about the situation. One was about how the price of shaves had gone up to fifty cents because the local barbers agreed they couldn't make any money shaving such long faces at the old price.

**Time passed and Elkin depended entirely on the Bank of Elkin. In the meantime, conditions throughout the nation kept going from bad to worse, and prior to the time Mr. Roosevelt took office, banks were popping all over the nation at an unprecedented rate. Then Mr. Roosevelt took the oath of office and his first act was to declare a bank holiday throughout the nation.**

And there we were again. All money tied up tighter than a tick! It was then that the local merchants formed a clearing house association when it became apparent that Elkin's only bank was not going to reopen. And it was then that we designed the money which was to form the life blood of Elkin's commerce for weeks. It was quite a thrill to see the automatic press here clicking off five and 10-dollar notes at a rapid rate—notes, while only scrip—that could be spent as readily here as the familiar but scarce greenbacks.

The biggest task of the whole business fell upon H. P. Graham, Gene Spainhour and Miss Mattie Brendle. Maybe there were others who substituted, we don't remember, but every note, from the small twenty-five-centers on up, had to bear Mr. Graham's and Mr. Spainhour's signatures as officers of the clearing house association. You try signing your name thousands of times and see if writer's cramp doesn't slip up on you.

This scrip was good everywhere locally, but the only way one could get any silver was by spending a 25-cent note. This being the smallest denomination, change had to be made in silver. And we remember how we like to have drowned ourself drinking pop at a nickel a throw in order to get enough real money to make a trip home. Finally, one of the boys in the clearing house took pity and swapped us five dollars in real money for a five dollar scrip note.

Believe it or not, those were trying, yet exciting times. Still, in a brief few years they have faded into the past to such an extent one hardly ever thinks about them anymore.

Do YOU remember?

**STATE ROAD**

Misses Mary Frances and Betty Anne Combs had as their dinner guests Thursday Misses Mildred Freeman, Peggy Lineberry, Nelda Pulp, Edith Fox, Anne Maguire, Maxine Aldridge and Carolyn Evans of Elkin.

Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Dickerson and children, Helen and Billy, spent Sunday at Kings Mountain, the guests of their daughters, Mrs. John Hanes and Miss Pauline Dickerson. They were accompanied home by their granddaughter, little Miss Patricia Ann Hanes, who will spend sometime with them.

The many friends of Mrs. Bird Andrews will be glad to know that she is recovering nicely from a recent operation at the Davis hospital in Statesville.

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Wolfe and daughter, Lucy, of Winston-Salem, were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Walters Friday evening.

Mrs. Donald Adcox of Statesville and Mrs. Ethel Harp of Winston-Salem, visited their father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Gentry, for the week-end.

Misses Clea Jenkins and Mary Frances Combs spent the latter part of the week in Winston-Salem, the guests of relatives. While there Miss Jenkins sang over Station WSJS.

Mrs. T. E. Brannock and son, Kent, of Independence, Virginia, visited relatives here Friday and Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Walters, Mrs. Emma Walters and son, Oliver, were business visitors in Winston-Salem Thursday.

Mr. J. W. Hamby and son, Bobby, of Salisbury, spent the past week here remodeling their old home.

Mrs. Colena West spent the

week-end at Bridle Creek, Va., visiting relatives.

Mrs. B. F. Peeler of Taylorsville, accompanied her husband, the Rev. B. F. Peeler, to fill his regular appointment at Mount Pleasant church Sunday.

**BRANON**

Dick Cummings spent the week-end with Mr. Ellihu Sloan, of Hamptonville, who just recently returned home for the summer from Salem College, Winston-Salem, where he is studying for his bachelor of music degree. Mr. Sloan is a talented pianist.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Garner and Mr. and Mrs. Percy Doss recently spent a week-end at Wrightsville and Carolina beaches.

Mrs. Glen Mastin and sons, Rex and Ted, of Ronda, spent last week with Mr. and Mrs. Tom Cummings.

Mr. Rony Branon, of Charlotte, is doing extensive repairing at his dwelling being occupied by Mr. M. H. Branon, of Harmony Heights. He and his mother, Mrs. Branon, both of Charlotte, spent Sunday afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Helton.

Miss Jessie Sizemore spent Tuesday night and Wednesday with Ollie and Florence Messick. Miss Doris Ruth Smith spent the week-end with Miss Madge Carter.

Mr. Harve Cooke and son, Jack, spent the week-end at Carolina Beach.

Mr. Whitfield Comer, of Winston-Salem, is visiting Mr. and Mrs. S. S. Hinshaw.

Mr. Douglass Wooten has recuperated sufficiently to return home from a Winston-Salem hospital, where he has been a patient for some time.

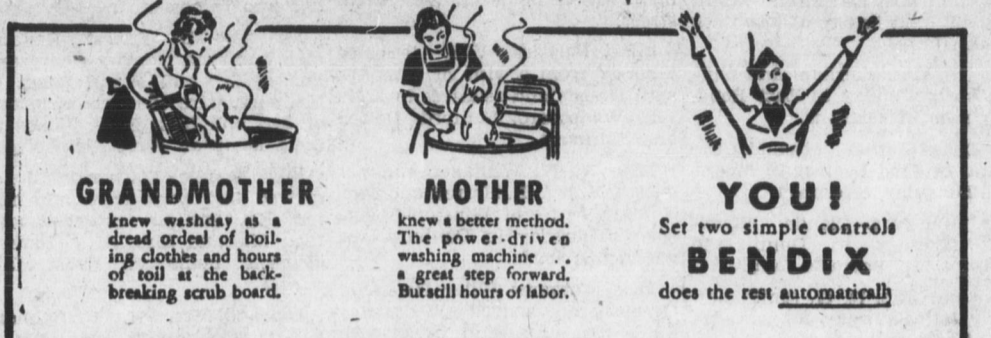
Misses Ollie and Florence Messick had as their Sunday evening guests, Mr. and Mrs. Conard Brown, Miss Jessie Sizemore, of Deep Creek, Mr. Odell Hutchins, of Yadkinville, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Hobson and son, Billie, Misses Pluttina and Lourina Swisher.

Little Misses Ruby and Helen Messick, of Longtown, spent last week with their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Messick.

Everyone is invited to attend the service at Branon church Sunday night.

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"Why?"  
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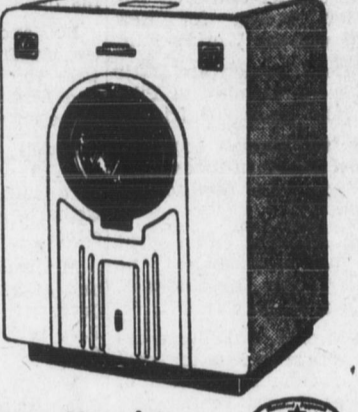
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