

# THE GAB BAG

By ALAN BROWNING, JR.



## WONDER WHY THEY DO IT?

Wonder why a lawyer can't call a spade a spade without throwing in two or three paragraphs of "to wits" and things? Instead of bringing in "party of the first part, party of the second part and party of the third part," why couldn't they just come out and say Mr. Doe, Mr. Roe, etc., when one of the parties was to be referred to?

Now you take an ordinance which appeared in last week's Tribune which has to do with a certain district in town, hereinafter to be known as District No. 1, containing so many acres more or less, in which no one can build, construct, put up, erect, inaugurate or even wish for any type of building to be used for any kind of business, including retail business, wholesale business, monkey business or any other type of business.

Well, you take that district. In order to define its boundaries, the

lawyer which drew up the description started off at an iron stake (an iron stake is very popular with lawyers, but they will use a stone, stump, post, peg or clump of thunderwood bushes if necessary and conditions permit), located so many feet in a certain direction from a certain intersection of certain streets, meandering in a northwardly direction so far parallel with something or other, and continuing this way and that until it gets back to where it started.

Although we don't claim to be very bright in the fullest sense, understanding and et cetera of the word, we have been in contact with a lot of lawyers, and our own father holds a law license when and if he should want to practice, and we figured, with strict application to the problem we would be able to follow the description and trace out the boundaries of the aforementioned district designated as District No. 1, districts No. 2, 3, 4 and 4½ having not yet been created.

By careful study we found the starting part all right, and went in a northerly direction, doing just fine. But when it became time to turn a corner we got just a little mixed up and the first thing we knew we found ourselves in Arlington without ever having crossed the Yadkin river as we know of. Reaching this sad state of affairs—and we don't mean it was sad because we found ourselves in Arlington, but because we had gotten so mixed up—we hurried back to Elkin (skirting Jonesville for fear Officer Madison might feel in the mood to arrest somebody), and started all over again.

This time we got as far as a line parallel with Church street, which all this time we've kidded ourselves into believing was North Bridge street, and came to a dead stop, much to our amazement and consternation, just to the leeward of a large tombstone in Hollywood cemetery, a place where we had absolutely no business and don't desire to have any business for many more long years to come.

But there we were and nothing to do but to make the most of it. Rather than to halt and go back to where we started and take a chance of getting lost, we detoured around the tombstone, and continued. All went well for twenty-five or thirty yards until we hit the said Church street, as it meanders, and although we didn't object to the meandering (it being our firm belief and conviction that anything wishing to meander can stand on its constitutional rights, and meander to its heart's content), we were quite puzzled to know how we were to get across Church street (more familiarly known as North Bridge Extension), and head south some 250 feet parallel with Gwyn avenue, the directions in question providing no manner of means of crossing the street.

However, being somewhat resourceful in a mild sort of way, we took the liberty to cross the street without direction, and eventually wound up under the Hugh Chatham bridge, with the result we now have, figuratively, a large bump on the top of our head. This so disconcerted us that we arrived at the conclusion that we didn't have any personal interest in the whereabouts of the aforementioned District No. 1, not planning to build, construct or erect anything at any near date, unless perhaps a small chicken coop, and this not in the district as it is now believed to exist, we gave up the search and came on back to the office, where we arrived surely and speedily inasmuch as we had no directions written by a lawyer to point us the way.

But what we can't understand is why lawyers, when they want to point out boundaries or describe things like districts, can't just put down where it is and let it go at that—or do they charge their clients by the word and still keep them in ignorance of what they have done for them?

Still, perhaps we should thank said lawyers for staying in such a puzzling state of mind all the time, for after all they have furnished us with practically enough copy to make a rather rambling column.

### THIS AND THAT

If we hadn't already worn everybody out with our moving, we'd mention here that we have moved again. Did you see us pass?

We haven't tried to tell town officials how to run their business in a long time, and we are not starting again now, but if they would like to do something that would make a lot of people (who live downtown, in the hotels and apartments), very happy, they will have that bustled muffer on the town garbage truck fixed. It's bad enough to be awakened at six in the morning even by a mocking bird, but

when one is aroused by the irritating noise of a broken muffler on a garbage truck, it's very bad.

What we mean!

## STATE ROAD

Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Mauldin and daughter, Lucille, and son, Phillip, spent Sunday in Winston-Salem visiting relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Motstetter and son, J. E., Mr. and Mrs. Sam Parks and Mrs. Nan Dickerson spent Sunday visiting relatives in Yadkin county, also attending a birthday dinner given for Mr. Motstetter and others.

Mrs. T. E. Brannock and daughter, Ruth, and son, Kent, of Independence, Va., visited the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. P. Combs, Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Hoots and daughter, Magalene, were week-end guests of their daughter, Mrs. Ford White, and family. Rev. and Mrs. Kermit S. Combs and little son, Peter, of Ashland, Va., are spending their vacation with their parents, and other relatives here.

Mr. and Mrs. Clete Jenkins visited their aunt, Mrs. Dell Chipman, in Galax, Va., Sunday. They were accompanied home by Miss Margaret Chipman who will spend some time visiting her aunt, Mrs. Leota Cockerham.

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Thompson, Mr. and Mrs. Reece Hemric and baby, Sandra, were visiting in Fries, Va., Sunday.

Mrs. Hinson, of the Poplar Springs community, was the guest of her granddaughter, Mrs. Garland Swaim, Sunday. Other guests were Mrs. Ford West and little daughter, Frances.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Combs and daughters, Mary Frances and Betty Ann, enjoyed a picnic and swimming party to Crystal Lake Monday evening.

## MINE RIDGE

Misses Violet and Lily Carter of Benham, were the week-end guests of Miss Stella Lowe.

Several people from here attended the union meeting at State Road Primitive Baptist church Saturday and Sunday.

Mr. Charlie Snow and family of Fries, Va., spent Sunday with Mrs. Snow's sister, Mrs. Marvin Martin.

Mr. Felix Snow and sons, Felix Jr., and Raymond, have returned to their home in Detroit, Mich., after spending some time here with Mr. Lowe's brother, Mrs. L. C. Lowe.

Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Joines and daughter, Miss Beulah Lee, of Greensboro, spent Thursday here with Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Lowe.

A South American Indian by attaching weights to the lobes of his ears stretched them to a growth of 15 inches.

### NOTICE

By virtue of an order of the Superior Court of Surry County appointing the undersigned commissioner to sell the lands hereinafter described I will sell at public auction on the premises at the old home place of T. J. Thompson, dec'd., on Friday the 25th day of August, 1939, at 2 o'clock p.m. the following real estate lying in Surry County, N. C. on both sides of Mitchells River:

First tract adjoining the lands of J. M. Cockerham, formerly, now Pholey Pardue, the J. H. Thompson lands, Frank Thompson and others containing sixty acres more or less, for boundaries see deed from E. D. Harris and wife to T. J. Thompson, recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds of Surry County in book No. 32 of deed page 215.

Second tract adjoining the lands of W. H. Moore, formerly, now T. G. Snow, Calvin Gentry, formerly, now C. C. Cockerham, Kile Thompson, and J. F. Thompson, containing one hundred acres, more or less, for boundaries see deed from W. H. Moore to T. J. Thompson, recorded in the office of Register of Deeds of Surry County in book No. 42 of deeds page 346. These two tracts lie on both sides of Mitchells River.

Third tract being two lots in the town of Thurmond, Surry County, said lots being Nos. 53 and 54 as shown by the plat of the town of Thurmond, recorded in the office of Register of Deeds, Surry County, said lots being twenty-five feet wide in front and one hundred fifty feet long. See book No. 59 page 513 of deeds office Register of Deeds, Surry County.

Terms of sale one third cash on confirmation of sale and one third in twelve months thereafter and the remainder in two years from date. The two tracts above mentioned lying on Mitchells River are very fine farming land, a good large boundary of river bottom which produces fine corn, wheat, and other products, also there are some fine tobacco lands in said tract, some good meadow lands for hay, also some good

timber on said land, also a good dwelling house, feed barn, and other out buildings which make it a very desirable home on which to live. Sale will be made for partition.

This the 25th day of July, 1939.  
SAM MOORE,  
Commissioner.

Eyes Examined  
Glasses Fitted

Office:  
The Bank of Elkin Building

DR. P. W. GREEN

OPTOMETRIST

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## CHECK THIS LIST OF EAGLE BARGAINS

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### 6 ft. WESTINGHOUSE

ELECTRIC REFRIGERATOR  
1939 Model Used Less Than a Month  
\$169.50 Value for Only \$139.50

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Slightly Used ..... \$16.50  
\$39.50 Floor Samples ..... \$32.50  
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5 Steel Ranges Complete with Copper Reservoirs  
Only \$25.00 Each  
Several Floor Samples Reduced 10% to 20%

## ALL FIBER LIVING ROOM SUITES

REDUCED 20%  
SEE OUR LEADER AT \$24.50

\$19.95 PORCH SUITE, 3 PCS. ..... \$15.00

EVERYTHING FOR THE HOME



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Elkin, N. C.

## On Friday Afternoon AUGUST 4, 1939

AT 2:30 O'CLOCK

We Will Continue the

## Clearance Sale

of the

## Pettyjohn Farm

WEST OF ELKIN ON THE TRAPHILL ROAD

Rain stopped the Sale Saturday afternoon, July 29, after we had sold 61 lots, leaving 87 still for sale. These lots were bought by people for homes and investments. If you have any doubt as to the value of the property or the fair way the property is being sold, consult those who bought Saturday—I. C. Yates, C. H. Day, C. C. Myers, Capt. W. C. Lewis, J. H. Durham and others.

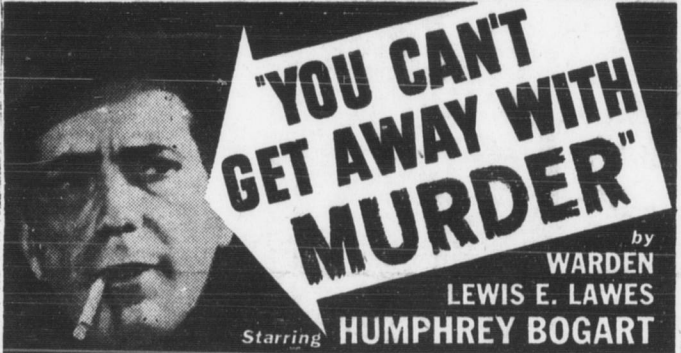
MEET US ON THE GROUNDS FRIDAY THE 4<sup>th</sup>

Parks Real Estate Co.  
ELKIN, N. C.

W. R. Weir Auction Co.  
WINSTON-SALEM, N. C.

## Elkin's Newest ELK ELK Coolest THEATRE

Thursday, August 3—Matinee and Night—  
THE PICTURE WITH MACHINE-GUN THRILLS!



**"YOU CAN'T GET AWAY WITH MURDER"**  
by WARDEN LEWIS E. LAWES  
Starring HUMPHREY BOGART

with GALE PAGE - BILLY HALOP - JOHN LITEL - Directed by Lewis Soller - Presented by WARNER BROS.  
Based on the Play, "Chalked Out," by Lewis E. Lawes and Jonathan Finn • Screen Play by Robert Buckner, Don Ryan and Kenneth Gamet • A First National Picture

News of Latest Events — Adm. 10c-25c  
Special Matinee Beginning at 12:30 P. M.

Friday-Saturday, Matinee and Night—

## "COWBOY FROM BROOKLYN"

With Dick Powell - Dick Foran - Pat O'Brien  
Hear Priscilla Lane Sing "Ride, Tenderfoot, Ride"

"Hawk of Wilderness" Serial - Color Cartoon  
Admission 10c-25c

Monday-Tuesday, Matinee Monday—

ADVENTURE THEIR WATCHWORD... DANGER THEIR SPORT... A GIRL'S KISS THEIR ONLY REWARD!



## "CAPTAIN FURY"

Brian STARRING Victor  
AHERNE - McLAGLEN  
June LANG - John CARRADINE  
Paul LUKAS - George ZUCCO  
Douglass DUMBRILLE - Virginia FIELD  
AND A TREMENDOUS SUPPORTING CAST  
DIRECTED BY HAL ROACH  
CASTING BY GEORGE THOMAS, LEO THOMAS AND WALTER DE WILD  
MUSIC BY LEONARD ROSEN  
Australia's Robin Hood and his gallant band re-live the dash, during, devil-may-care days when men pledged their lives for the making of a beautiful girl!

Selected Short Subjects — Adm. 10c-25c

Wednesday, Matinee and Night—

## BOB STEELE In

## "OKLAHOMA CYCLONE"

Serial - Short Subjects — Adm. 10c to All