

THE GAB BAG

By ALAN BROWNING, JR.



THERE ARE DRIVERS AND DRIVERS

This column's special research and inspect department has for the past several months been making a special survey of the various types of automobile driving to be seen in Elkin. The department's report is very illuminating.

Especially interesting is the paragraph devoted to women drivers. "Some women drivers," the report states, "are very good drivers if one keeps out of their way. Others drive in a rather haphazard manner, and after close observation this department finds that it is probably

a good thing that women drivers do not always do what one would expect them to do if they strictly observed every signal they make.

"For instance," the report continues, "one woman driver whom we have classified as Case No. 3131313 1/4, was observed driving west on Elk Spur street. Our operative who followed her machine at a safe distance observed, as she approached an intersection, that she signaled for a right hand turn. However, she turned left, which proved a very good thing, for if she had turned right, as she had signaled, her car would have had to choose between climbing a telephone pole or a five-foot brick wall, there being no street on the right hand side."

Another paragraph in the report on Case No. 3131313 1/4 reported that when the driver signaled for a stop she held her hand out with sort of a spraddle finger effect. When she signaled turn right, she turned left, and when she signaled turn left she stopped. Thus it can easily be deducted that when she signaled for a full stop, she turned right.

Going from Case No. 3131313 1/4 to Case No. 13131313 1/2, we find the driver known as a sufferer from Heavyfootitis. This driver

spins his wheels at the start, whether he is planning to travel 10 feet or 10 miles, and stops suddenly. Whether he has his foot on the gas or the brake, he has it pressed to the floorboard. He is the guy who is always in a big hurry to go nowhere, and wants to get there fast. Chances are when the wagon gets him he'll rise from his casket and shout "step on it."

Other cases considered included the hearse drivers, who come in two classes. The first is made up of that type who drives along city streets and highways as slow as his car will run in high gear just because he is in no hurry, and to heck with the driver behind who wants to pass, but who cannot due to approaching traffic. The second is the fellow, usually in an A-Model Ford, who moseys along listening to his car "cadillac." He seems to think that people other than himself will admire the way it goes along without missing a lick.

Another case deserving consideration is the delivery truck driver who always drives hell for leather. The department fears, after a close study, that one of these days one of these drivers is either going to find himself faced with a manslaughter charge or else his employer is going to have to fight a big damage suit.

Still another class which was studied as far as it was possible, is the speedbug class. This group of drivers is evidently under the opinion that residential streets are speedways and that they are Barney Oldfields. And the louder their tires cry on the curves the better they enjoy it. Children playing along residential streets appear to have become hardened to this menace, but parents continue to have their blood run cold each time they hear the screech of tires on cement, especially if some of their own children are out playing.

Of course no police officer would think of tearing up the speed drivers playhouse by making some arrests, or at least they never have in the past.

*Slightly dirty dig.

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CLOSE WATCH TO BE KEPT ON BEER SELLERS

All Retail Outlets Must Conform to Regulations and Law Compliance

CLOSE UNDESIRABLES

Raleigh, October 10 — Close scrutiny of retail beer outlets was urged by Colonel Edgar H. Bain, state director of the Brewers and North Carolina Beer Distributors Committee, in a letter recently addressed to members of the State Association of County Commissioners.

Colonel Bain pointed out that some beer retailers fail to obtain county licenses or to renew such licenses upon expiration.

"Our Committee called one county board's attention to the fact that eleven beer retailers had failed to renew their licenses," he wrote. "We do not want beer sold by outlets that are not operating in strict compliance with the law, and we know that you do not want to be deprived of revenue. May we, therefore, suggest the closest scrutiny of retail beer outlets?"

The Committee, now in the fifth month of its "clean up or close up" drive against law-violating beer retailers, was instrumental in obtaining the revoca-

tion of a Mecklenburg county beer license last week. Six other licenses throughout the State were revoked upon the Committee's recommendation during September and one license was surrendered following the organization's petition that it be cancelled for law violation.

"We are pleased with the results of our campaign, which has been designed to protect the public welfare and the interests of the vast majority of law-abiding beer retailers," Colonel Bain said.

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after the completion of this service by publication and answer or demur to the Petition filed in said office by the Petitioners in this cause, or the relief prayed for therein will be granted.

This the 9th day of October, 1939.

F. T. LEWELLYN,
Clerk of Superior Court
11-2-39 Surry County

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

North Carolina, Surry County. In the Superior Court. Arthur Burcham and W. E. Burcham vs. Mollie (Mrs. W. J.) Burcham, Individually and Executor of W. J. Burcham, Collie Darnell, Daniel Creed, Jonesville and Pleasant Hill Cemeteries and Trustees of Jonesville and Pleasant Hill Cemeteries.

Notice is hereby given that an action as above styled has been instituted in the Superior Court of Surry County under the Declaratory Judgment Statute for the interpretation of the Last Will and Testament of W. J. Burcham, deceased, and Jonesville and Pleasant Hill Cemeteries and Trustees of Jonesville and Pleasant Hill Cemeteries and any other person, persons, associations, societies, cemeteries, partnerships and corporations in any way interested or that might in any way become interested in the Last Will and Testament of W. J. Burcham, deceased, said Last Will and Testament being of record in Surry County Public Registry will hereby take notice and they are hereby notified to appear before the Clerk of Superior Court of Surry County within thirty days

Book No. 78, Page 27 in the Register of Deeds' office of Surry County.

This 5th day of October, 1939. CARL CHAPPELL, Trustee.

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NOTICE OF SALE OF LAND

Under and by virtue of the power contained in a certain deed of trust executed by W. R. Stanley of Surry County, North Carolina, to Carl Chappel, trustee, dated 14th day of April, 1937, and registered in the office of the Register of Deeds of Surry County in Book 137, Page 177, and default having been made in the payment of the same I, the undersigned trustee, will on the 6th day of November, 1939, at 12:00 o'clock noon, at the Court House Door in Dobson, Surry County, North Carolina, offer for sale to the last and highest bidder for cash the following described real property to wit:

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