

THE GAB BAG

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PRESSING PROBLEMS

This week, ladies and gentlemen, there are a number of weighty problems to be discussed in our usual glib and one-sided manner, and it is to be hoped that the town board of commissioners will give us an ear.

For instance there is the matter of business buildings along Main street which have no back entrances, making it necessary that the firms occupying these buildings be serviced from the front with the various commodities necessary to their business.

Our agents report an undercurrent of restlessness on the part of firms making truck deliveries. In order to serve these customers with no back entrances, it is necessary, nine times out of 10, to double park long enough to transact this necessary business. And here of



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late the police have been giving the drivers down the country for double parking.

Here, gentlemen of the board of town commissioners, is a problem that needs your attention. These delivery firms don't want to violate the laws by double parking when no space is available by the curb, but they do want to continue in business, and this is rather hard to do when a policeman perches astride one's neck every time one stops to deliver something. The police say they are only carrying out the law.

What we can't understand is why a law that works a hardship on Elkin business firms is enforced so firmly when other laws are allowed to be so flagrantly flouted. Like speeding on residential streets, for instance.

But back to the problem. It has been suggested that one parking space be marked off on each block which has firms with no rear entrances, and this space be reserved for delivery trucks only, no truck to be allowed to use the space longer than it takes to make his deliveries in the particular block. This would do away with double parking of trucks; would save wear and tear on the police, and would make the delivery truck owners mighty happy. Just what firm on the two blocks needing such a system would allow a reserved parking place in front of their business is for the authorities to ascertain. You can't expect us to do everything, for goodness sakes.

And now to get on with another problem of a pressing nature. Wednesday afternoon of

last week a car struck a small child down on Main street, luckily not injuring him severely. The driver was arrested for speeding, some witnesses saying he was going 30 miles per hour.

If he was speeding of course he would be arrested. But while justice was quick to fall in this case, absolutely nothing is done about the speeding done on Elkin's residential streets by drivers of light delivery trucks. It's seldom they get down as slow as 30 miles an hour, unless they have to make a stop. And there are far more children playing along these streets than will be found downtown on a Wednesday afternoon.

Luckily, no one has been injured yet. Perhaps the drivers, with their hydraulic brakes, think they can avoid accidents in time. But what they perhaps don't realize is that accidents don't fool around about happening. They happen in a split second. No accident has ever been avoided. If it had, it wouldn't have been an accident.

We don't expect anything to be done about it. Nobody would want Mrs. Doe to fall to get her order just as quickly as possible. If every kid along the street has his or her life endangered in the process, what of that? Deliveries have got to be made at break-neck speed around here. Service with a zip! And God help those who chance to get in the way!

We are not launching this tirade against speeding and reckless driving just to have something to rant about, or as an unselfish duty. We're selfish as nobody's business. We've got two kids who have to play along West Main Speedway. And while we try our best to keep them out of the street, they're at the age when warnings don't register very easily. Now do we want their playmates to fall prey to the recklessness and lack of brains of some idiotic delivery truck driver.

We don't mean that all delivery truck drivers are reckless and given to speeding. YOU know who you are—and so do a lot of other people who will echo the sentiments expressed here. You would be surprised just how many.

But don't pay any attention to us. Go ahead—kill somebody!

PASTURES

Because of the increased interest in livestock, Duplin county farmers are devoting more time to the building of new and improved pastures, says Farm Agent G. E. Jones.

Scalding or Singing Maid — "Please, Mrs. White, will you come up to the bathroom at once? I can't make out whether Mr. White is scalding to death or singing."

Tobacco Moves to Market—In Big Loads



There's plenty of tobacco loaded upon the pick-up truck pictured above, photographed as it passed through Elkin on the way to market, around 2,500 pounds to be exact. Pictured with the truck are James Adams, left, of Traphill and owner of the leaf, and C. R. Snow, of Benham.—(Tribune Photo.)

FALL CREEK

The many friends of Miss Biddie Bryant will be glad to know that she is recovering nicely from an appendicitis operation at a Statesville hospital.

A large crowd attended prayer service Sunday evening. Rev. Loyd Pardue will conduct the service next Sunday. A large crowd is expected.

Mrs. Floyd Macemore and son, Ralph, were the overnight guests Saturday of Mr. and Mrs. Coy Harris, of the Swan Creek community.

Most farmers through this sec-

tion are through gathering and husking their corn. They report a good crop.

Jimmy Newman, of State Road, spent the week-end here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Avery Newman.

Miss Mae Wagoner returned to Erlanger Sunday, following a visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Avery Newman.

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CYCLE

Mr. M. C. Dobbins is ill, friends will regret to know. He is suffering from stomach trouble.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Sale visited Mr. Sale's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Mack Sale, of Yadkinville, Sunday. Mr. Sale is ill, friends will regret to know.

Miss Ruby Nicks and Mr. Furd Cheek spent Wednesday in Winston-Salem.

Mrs. Lillie Bell spent Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Bates, of Center.

Mr. and Mrs. Riley Ashburn visited Mr. and Mrs. R. P. Riley Sunday afternoon.

The Oak Grove Quartet, composed of Miss Ola Pinnix, Miss Ruby Nicks, Mrs. Anna Lee Howard and Mrs. Furd Cheek, all sang at Shiloh Sunday, with the 5th Sunday singers.

Went for Lunch

Patient—Is the doctor in?
Nurse—No, he's gone out for lunch.

Patient—Will he be in after lunch?

Nurse—No, that's what he went out after.

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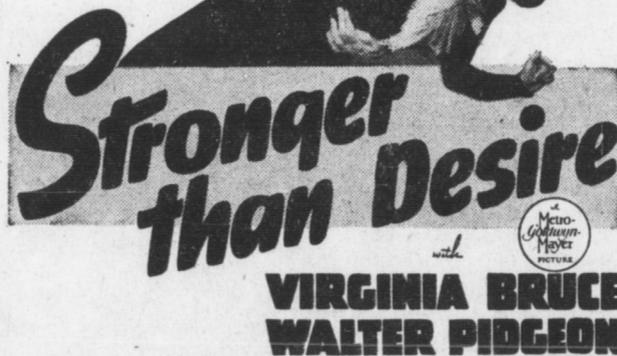


SEE A GOOD SHOW AT THE LYRIC

THURSDAY ONLY—(TODAY)—

PAMPER THEM? or SPANK THEM?

A picture for lonesome wives... and what happens when a woman craving excitement flirted just once... but once too often!



News — Admission 10c-25c

FRIDAY ONLY—

Coming Back to Thrill You!



Shorts — Admission 10c-25c

Coming Nov. 9-10—

"I Stole A Million"

Nov. 11—"Frontier Marshal"

Nov. 13-14—

"Stanley and Livingstone"

SATURDAY—

BLOOD-STIRRING THRILLS! HEART-WARMING LOVE!



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

NEXT WEEK—MONDAY-TUESDAY—



News - Cartoon — Admission 10c-30c

WEDNESDAY—FAMILY SHOW—

"BIG TOWN CZAR"

Cartoon - Serial — Admission 10c to All

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