

THE GAB BAG

By **ALAN BROWNING, JR.**



NOW LOOK WHAT HE'S DONE!

We don't know whether to forbid Simpson, our man with the left-handed brain, from coming into the office anymore, or nominate him and his camera for president of the Burlington Liars Club.

The photograph just below came in with this morning's mail (six-cents postage due), with the following note attached:

"The attached photo will no doubt prove a great surprise to you as a man who can never see beyond the tip of his nose



(which after all is not so bad considering the length of the nose), but it proved of no surprise to me.

"Shortly after that sudden rain last week which flooded Elkin's Main street, one of the lifeboats of the scuttled German liner 'SS Columbus,' which burned and sank 400 miles off the Virginia coast, came chugging into town loaded with survivors who in some way had missed the U. S. S. 'Tuscaloosa.' From what I could gather from a member of the crew who spoke a smattering of English, they reached the South Carolina coast in a dense fog and before they knew it were far up the Pee Dee river, eventually entering the Yadkin and winding up on Elkin's flooded Main street.

"As I snapped this picture with my trusty Baby Brownie, I noted that a few people who were wading along the submerged sidewalks paid very little attention to the heavily laden lifeboat, no doubt figuring its strange appearance here was just German propaganda.

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"After halting the boat at the corner until they got the green light, the men aboard the craft proceeded along West Main street until they reached Big Elkin creek, then disappeared up the creek toward Wilkes county. They said they had rather be interned in Wilkes than Surry because Wilkes is more liquid, whatever that means.

"Keep your eye out for more pictures that I will send from time to time. And if you shouldn't believe the picture herewith, just remember — pictures don't lie—much."

We ask you—what's to be done with a guy like that?

CHRISTMAS
We had a very nice Christmas, having had our father and mother and older brother up for the holidays. Having a sister living here now, it was quite a family reunion.

We wanted to invite our Uncle Culpepper, but inasmuch as we had turkey for Christmas, we

didn't dare. The last time we had Uncle Culpepper in for a turkey dinner, we held out the turkey and drew back a skeleton.

Not that Uncle Culpepper is a big eater. He doesn't eat much, he just absorbs it. And after staying at the table for three or four hours, he gets impatient because Aunt Frousy won't go out and start supper.

Last Christmas a year ago he got rather peeved because Aunt Frousy used paper napkins instead of linen. Paper napkins, he claims, are not adaptable to tying around the neck, and they also leave lint on the moustache.

Maybe you would like to have Uncle Culpepper over to eat dinner with you sometime? He's open for invitations.

AN APPRECIATION

Ed Lewis, who does a weekly column for The Mount Airy Times, should be entitled to a box of cigars from this column for some complimentary but undeserved comments he made recently in his column about this column. We didn't see the comment until several weeks after it was published due to being so rushed with Christmas editions that we were behind with our reading.

Accustomed as we are to the very uncomplimentary remarks the column garners among its nine readers here, Mr. Lewis' article caused us to light up with a delicate glow and to spend much time admiring our own writings. After all, someone's got to admire them.

If we weren't so modest we'd reprint what he said, but being the bashful soul we are, we just couldn't. Anyway, come 1941 we are going to send Mr. Lewis a box of cigars. We would send them now, but with 1940 being an election year, cigars are not to be trusted, and Mr. Lewis must have only the best.

Or maybe he doesn't smoke cigars.

People's Column

The Tribune does not necessarily endorse any article under this heading but welcomes at all times communications of interest to its readers and the general public.

Gives Liquor a "Kick"

If there is any time that we should give liquor a kick it is the time when the matter is brought into question. We find the little Finns holding up under a load fifty times as strong, fifty times as great, with a war equipment fifty times as strong. What's the trouble with Russia? It's nothing more or less than liquor, or vodka, as the Russians call their drink. Russia is a drunken nation, as the world knows. If that great Russian army from the high command down had been sober they would have whipped little Finland before breakfast. Their fliers are forbidden to drink vodka, and also vodka was taken away from their soldiers, and the result was more than two thousand of their soldiers froze to death on the battlefield, while the little Finns were mostly in their shirt sleeves.

Our Congress during the World War made this country as dry as the Sahara desert. Nothing except a little blockade liquor could be found, which raised the price of sugar head to \$8 or \$10 per gallon, so these conditions did not suit this government. They turned liquor loose to make it scarce. The price of sugar head fell to \$1.50 per gallon, lots of it being sold for \$6 per can. During the past year the federal officers have raised the price and many thirsty souls had to do without their Christmas dram altogether.

I see lots of cars passing in quest of liquor, and hear lots of cars passing during the night. Some get a few gallons and some get nothing. The federal officers have already got the most of them. Occasionally when a bootlegger is caught he hunts up the moonshiner he has been buying lots of liquor from and by threats of exposure, gets \$100 each, according to the amount of cash the moonshiner may have on hand.

All liquor men live in a state of fear, sometimes the bootlegger is driven from the home at midnight by good women who were trying to protect their homes, against having to contend with a drunken husband. The federal officers with a double force of police are trying to help the good women, but after all their good work the bootlegger slips into Winston-Salem and delivers his sugar head and gets away. With a shame face I must confess that we have hundreds of women in

the various towns who drink lots of liquor. This makes it hard on the law-enforcement. When the bootlegger and a lot of women connive together it makes it hard on law enforcement. To make liquor plenty hard to get a tax does not make it scarce.

—GEO. E. BLEVINS.
Springfield, N. C.
December 27, 1939.

Ghosts Not Reliable

Rastus—Marcellus, does yo' believe in ghosts?

Marcellus—Nah, sah! I woke up one night an' saw one in mah room. Ah axed him what he wanted an' he said "nothin'." But de next mornin' Ah found he'd stole mah Sunday pants. Since den Ah don't believ in ghosts. De y ain't reliable.

Cause of Divorces

Wifey—I believe so many marriages fall because too few wives realize the road to a man's heart is through his stomach.

Hubby—The trouble is too many of you wives think it should be a road laid with bricks and stones and concrete.

NOTICE OF SALE OF REAL ESTATE

North Carolina, Surry County. Under and by virtue of authority contained in that certain Deed of Trust, dated September 17, 1933, recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds of Surry County, N. C., in book 127, at page 24, executed by Dr. R. R. Garvey and wife, Rose E. Garvey to the undersigned Trustee securing a note representing an indebtedness set out therein, and default having been made in the payment of said note under the terms and conditions of the instrument, and at the request of the holder of the note, the undersigned Trustee will offer for sale and sell at public auction, for cash, to the highest bidder, at the Court House door in Dobson, North Carolina, at

NOTICE!

Elkin Masonic Lodge No. 454, meets every 2nd and 4th Tuesday nights at 7:30. All members requested to be present. Signed: Secretary of Lodge. ttc

12:00 o'clock, Noon, on Monday the 8th day of January, 1940 the following described property:

Lots numbers 204, 205, 206, 207, 208, 209, 210, 211, 212, 213, 214, 215, 216, 217, 218, and 219, on the map of Hendrix Heights as surveyed and platted by S. M. Credle, Eng., which map or plat is recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds Surry County, N. C., in Plat Book 1, at page 17, to which reference is hereby had. The foregoing is part of the lands described in the deed from L. L. Gwyn and wife to A. L. Hendrix. See deed book 18, page 361, office of the Register of Deeds, Surry County, N. C. This the 8th day of December, 1939.

C. F. BURNS, Trustee
624 Wachovia Bank Bldg.
Winston-Salem, N. C.



Don't Say Bread—

Say Holsum

TAX LISTING

Important Notice To Tax-Payers

The Legislature of 1939 passed an act changing the month for tax-listing from April to January.

Listing in this county began on Tuesday, January 2, and will continue for the entire month. List takers have already been appointed, and notices will be put up in every section giving the dates upon which listers will be in your community.

LIST YOUR PROPERTY GIVE IN YOUR POLL IN JANUARY

All Property Owners and Taxpayers in all townships are required to return to the list taker for taxation for the year 1939 all the Real Estate, Personal Property, etc., which each one shall be required to give in then.

All Male persons between the ages of 21 and 50 years are to list their polls during the same time.

All persons who own property and fail to list it and all who are liable for a poll tax and fail to give themselves in will be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction be fined or imprisoned.

Each farmer or tenant should go before the list taker prepared to furnish all information and farm data called for by the North Carolina Farm Survey.

RESIDENTS OF ELKIN TOWNSHIP WILL LIST AT THE OFFICE OF W. J. SNOW, TAX COLLECTOR, OVER ELKIN BARBER SHOP, ELKIN, N. C.

B. F. FOLGER, TAX SUPERVISOR SURRY COUNTY



DON'T LET SICKNESS SPOIL THIS PICTURE!

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