

# THE GAB BAG

By ALAN BROWNING, JR.



## DID YOU GET COLD?

The weather we've been having must have been sort of like that experienced by our Uncle Culppeper back in 1864. The thermometer got so low that winter, he said, he had to go out and dig it up each morning.

We started digging for ours last Sunday morning but as yet we haven't gotten down to it.

Fact is, we had to stop digging and join with the majority of other folks of this section in gently massaging water pipes with a blow torch. But it's much warmer tonight. Just a mere 16 at the present moment.

Our thermometer dropped down to 4 above zero last Saturday night before we went to bed, and we sort of figured it wouldn't do any harm to leave our window closed. But our wife, always a fresh air fiend, wouldn't think of it. She propped the window open with the flat side of a razor blade.

Had a letter from Aunt Frousy this morning. She said she had solved the problem of how to keep Uncle Culppeper warm at night. She puts his feet in a bucket of kerosene oil and then

sets his red flannel underwear on fire. The underwear serves as a wick, and now Uncle Culppeper is very comfortable.

Also had a letter from our mother saying we should not let it be known we have a sister here, because if folks find out she is kin to us it might be embarrassing to her. She also said Uncle Culppeper was mad because we let it be known we are kin to him.

That's the way with our folks, they don't appreciate us. And we don't believe they appreciate our bringing forth our ancestors for frequent airings. But we believe

that all ancestors should be aired occasionally, don't you?

But getting back to the cold weather, wouldn't you like to see a nice warm snow for a change. We're getting tired of temperatures so low that every time we exhale our breath freezes and drops on our foot.

Where are those folks who are always talking about our mild winters?

### THIS AND THAT

We made one of our frequent mistakes in last week's column. We congratulated the town upon having had the last of the traffic dinkuses removed. Then we started down to the Chatham Manufacturing Company and BAM! we hit one. But, we can reliably report, it's the last one for everybody to feel ashamed of.

But maybe it was just forgotten. Think of how it must feel to be a forgotten traffic dinkus and have to take all the knocks while motorists take the bumps.

Doc. Abernethy has for the past several years been Elkin's most persistent and ambitious weather forecaster. Doc's favorite forecast is for snow. Fact is, he has been forecasting snow almost ever since we've known him. The other week he forecast snow—and it snowed! His surprise was so great he went home and enjoyed almost a nervous breakdown.

The only sure forecast we ever heard him make was one of those zero mornings a few days ago. His forecast was warmer. He figured he had something there, because the way it felt, it couldn't get any colder. Then came Saturday night and down went the mercury to depths unknown. Maybe if we can prevail upon Doc to start forecasting colder, spring weather will soon be here.

Ah, spring!

### EAST BEND

Miss Bessie Lee and C. A. Coram, Jr., entertained at a party at their home in East Bend Friday night, January 26. Games were directed by C. A. Coram and Edward Bean.

Music was furnished by Roland Poindexter, Bertha Mae and Helen Gray Tomlinson. Refreshments were served later in the evening by Dollie Mae Hutchens, Lucille Moser and Bessie Lee Coram.

Guests were Dollie Mae Hutchens, Bertha Mae, Mattie White and Helen Gray Tomlinson, Lucille Moser, Katherine Loving, Bessie Lee Coram, Moody Davis, Roland Poindexter, Gilbert Hobson, John Marilyn Matthews, Richard and Edward Bean, Vernon Moser and C. A. Coram.

Out-of-town guests were Dallas Cline, of Winston-Salem, and Dink Vestal, of Yadkinville.

### HONOR ROLL GIVEN FOR WEST YADKIN

The following pupils of West Yadkin high school, Hamptonville, have been placed on the honor roll for the fourth month:

First grade—Patsy King, Francis Seagraves, Peggy Sue Shore, Betsy Johnson, Juanita Dowell, Harold Proctor, Tina Jean Brown, Marjorie Macy.

Second grade—Rex Johnson, Barbara Ireland, Peggy Myers, Caroline Weatherman, James Steelman, Annie Laura Pate.

Third grade—Gerry Boles, Lucille Holleman, Raymond Mahathy, Billy Shugart, Carol Brandon, Athel Talley, Hoy Lee, Wagoner, Mary Ruth Vanhoy, Peggy Steelman, Harold Wooten.

Fourth grade—Elbert Swaim, Lois Johnson, Edward Livingood, Lucille Macy, Tommy Miller, Jewel Shore, Mattie Gay Weatherman.

Fifth grade—Harold Caudle, Sixth grade—Oryle Boles, Claude B. Williams.

Seventh grade—Luther Bell, Eighth grade—Paul Carter, Dorothy Proctor, Angeline Wagoner.

Ninth grade—Sallie Ruth Brown, Bernice Bell.

Tenth grade—Mary Bell Groce, Ruby Pinnix, Jack Brown, Leo Wagoner, Doris Ruth Smith.

Eleventh grade—De Ette Proctor, Doris Reavis, Vermell Sprinkle.

The following is the honor roll for the first semester:

Second grade—Barbara Ireland, Rex Johnson, James Steelman.

Fourth grade—Lois Johnson, Tommy Miller, Jewel Shore.

Fifth grade—Harold Caudle, Seventh grade—Luther Bell.

Ninth grade—Sallie Ruth Brown, Bernice Bell.

Tenth grade—Ruby Pinnix, Leo Wagoner.

Eleventh grade—De Ette Proctor, Doris Reavis, Vermell Sprinkle.

## Must Secure Permits to Do Burning

According to County Forest Warden J. R. Norman, of Surry county, during the year 1939, 185 forest fires burned in Western North Carolina, all caused by brush burning.

These fires, every one preventable and caused by carelessness, did thousands of dollars of damage to timber and wild life.

Most of the brush burning fires, especially the most damaging ones, occur during what is known as the spring fire season, which ordinarily begins in the mountain counties in February and continues up to, and often through the early weeks in June.

In order to prevent further disastrous fires, everyone planning to burn any debris or brush of any kind, is required by law to secure a burning permit. These permits may be obtained from the following:

J. R. Norman, Mountain Park; W. T. Allen, Pinnacle; R. S. Johnson, Mount Airy, Route 5; M. S. Ramey, Low Gap; Ed. J. Smith, Mount Airy, Route 6; J. S. Greenwood, Elkin, Route 1; W. M. Gray, Elkin, and register of deeds office, Dobson.

After securing a burning permit, the following precautions should be taken:

1. Notify adjoining landowners that burning is intended.
2. Maintain careful and competent watch over fire and never leave a fire until it is completely out.
3. Never burn near the woods

or where fire can reach the woods when conditions are dangerously dry.

4. Burn following a rain and late in the afternoon or night when the air is damp and the fire is more easily controlled.

5. Never attempt to burn anything in the mornings at which time it cannot be determined what the weather conditions are going to be by mid-day or in the afternoon.

The houses on Belena Island, South Seas, are built upon pontoons which rise and fall with the tide.

## BACKACHE CAUSED BY...

Backache may be caused by sluggish kidneys. If excess acid and other wastes are not regularly eliminated it may also lead to getting up nights, burning, scanty or frequent flow, leg or rheumatic pains, headache or dizziness. Keep kidneys active same as bowels. Get a 25c box of Bukets from any druggist. Your 25c back in 4 days if not pleased. Locally at Turner Drug Co. 3-7

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