

THE GAB BAG



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THOSE FINNS GET AROUND

We had a letter from Simpson yesterday in which he inclosed the photo which appears in the column today. And although we had hoped the recent cold spell would have restored him to some form of sanity, it's easy to see that he is still seeing things.

"I hadn't sent you this picture earlier," he pointed out in his letter, "because I figured that you, being on the scene, would have made it yourself. But as yet, although I have searched each issue of The Tribune carefully, I have seen no mention of the fact the Finns had been to Elkin, much less a picture proving that fact.

"It happened on the Tuesday of the snow storm. Apparently this storm which put Elkin under a layer of snow, was raging over much of the world, and a detachment of Finnish



soldiers, no doubt chasing Russians, got lost to wind up in Elkin. From the way the snow was falling, we doubt if they realized their mistake until they were already here.

"They knew where they were, however, when I snapped this picture from the corner in front of Sydnor-Spainhour. When they realized where they were they also realized that they didn't have sufficient money to get back to Finland, and as

there are no Russians here to chase around, they wanted to get back right away. That's the reason for the big gun you see in the photograph.

"They figured, you see, that the big gun would be some slight influence in helping them get a loan from Mr. Johnson at the Bank of Elkin, especially if it was set up in such position that the muzzle could be swung into direct line with Mr. Johnson's office.

"At the moment the picture was made, the commanding officer was inside the bank to see

about the loan, while the gun was being placed in readiness. The detachment of soldiers was marching up in case Mr. Johnson made a counter attack.

"To make a long story short, the Finns got their loan all okey, but Mr. Johnson got the cannon, a half dozen wrist watches, a tobacco pouch which had been taken off a dead Russian, and 75 cents in Finnish money, as security. He also got a first mortgage on the Mannerheim Line.

"So far as I know," Simpson's letter continued, "the Finns got back all right."

Simpson is still out questing for more pictures. Several officials from the nearest crazy house are out questing for Simpson.

PET PEEVE DEPARTMENT

That there is rudeness in practically everyone is brought out in the practice here of certain drivers of the type who are always in a big hurry to get nowhere fast.

This type of nuisance has been in evidence from the first day Elkin's stop lights were put into operation. They are the drivers who honk their horn at the car in front at the very split second the stop light changes to green.

You've had it happen to you, no doubt. You are waiting for the light to change to go. Your car is in low gear, your left foot is on the clutch, and your right foot resting lightly on the gas pedal. The light flashes to green—but before you can let out your clutch the fellow behind you lets down on his horn.

It's a type of discourtesy and rudeness that riles the average person, and it is often displayed by women and girl drivers, not to mention young men of high school age.

In case this has happened to you, here's a suggestion on how to fight back. If someone blows at you before you have a chance to get moving, take your time in moving at all. If perchance your car has started to roll, put on the brakes and come to a full stop. Then very deliberately get under way again, holding up the car behind you as long as possible. He, or she, will be the one who is mad when it's all over, and it will serve him or her exactly right.

If in case you would be behind a car slow on the take-off at a stop light due to the fact the driver ahead has not noticed the light has changed, wait a moment—don't brand yourself as a boor by honking down on the horn. If he still doesn't move, then sound a very gentle toot to acquaint him with the fact it's time to go. Nine times out of ten he will move right on out of the way. Being polite doesn't cost anything.

THIS AND THAT

J. R. Windsor, who we have learned since the special Chatham Manufacturing Company edition came out last week, made a number of the photos the issue contained. Among them was the picture of the first Chatham plant when it was located on Big Elkin creek. We didn't know at the time who made the original photo.

Taking pictures in those days wasn't the simple matter it is today. Film plates were slow, as was lens equipment. And although pictures then were as good as those taken today, we don't see how they did it.

Speaking of pictures, one of the dime stores here should pay us a commission, the number of customers we send it. When taking pictures on the street in our free theatre tickets series, we usually station ourself on the south side of West Main street, due to the even light and the lack of awnings. And often people, especially women, will see us just as they come abreast of the dime store and, either through false modesty or because they don't have on their Sunday clothes, will duck into this dime store exactly as if they meant going there all the time. It's right comical to note the expression on their faces when they do this.

Maybe they think they have foiled us when they hurriedly turn into the store, as if we care a whit whether they get their pictures taken or not. Oddly enough, this class of "duckers" is made up largely of local people.

Let's see you duck sometime.

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The guest list included: the honoree, Miss Anza Cheek, Misses Annie Lee Chambers, Reba Cheek, Gracie Sidden, Dolores Church, Frances Pardue, Mozelle Cheek and Nina Ellen and Barbara Cheek. Marvin Haynes, Harold Norman, Tommy Collins, Worth Collins, Arvil Norman, Clynard Norman, George Wilmoth, Junior Defibaugh, Hubert Collins, Gordon Chambers, Edd Sally and Frank Newman.

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