

THE GAB BAG

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THIS AND THAT

It's getting about the time of the year to start looking at seed catalogs, but our experience in the past has taught us that looking is about as far as we should go. For every time our wife plants a seed it always comes up in somebody else's yard.

With people dashing around here hunting for houses like they are, why tempt fate by planting anything? Last summer we had our garden plowed, harrowed and ready for planting. The house was sold the same day.

We've often thought that al-

though the Chatham Manufacturing Company did a great thing for Elkin by bringing their Winston plant here, they sure have kept us on the move.

However, for your benefit, we are still anchored at the present.

Aunt Frousy said, the last time we saw her, that Uncle Culpepper was always one to move around a lot. She said she guessed he got it from his Uncle Algernon Fogg. Uncle Algernon was always on the move—with the sheriff only a few steps behind.

Uncle Algernon was always getting into trouble. Once his pastor went to him and told him that if he would listen to his conscience, all would be well. But

he found out that Uncle Algernon and his conscience weren't on speaking terms. That was his trouble.

Uncle Culpepper, always foot-loose, nearly sailed on the Titanic, and no doubt he would have gone down with the ship when she sank in the North Atlantic if something hadn't occurred at the last moment to prevent him from sailing. Aunt Frousy said he was one embarrassed man when they found him stowed away in a lifeboat just before sailing time.

For the benefit of you children, the Titanic was equipped with only 12 lifeboats because its builders said it couldn't sink. It sank on its first trip with the loss of over a thousand lives. Moral: don't ever say so and so can never happen.

HOMETOWN BOY MAKES GOOD

When, back many more years than we like to think about, we truded off to school for the first time (gather around Grandpa, children, while he recalls the days of his youth) one of our schoolmates was a good looking, neat appearing youth whose clothes were always neat and clean and who possessed ears that always had the appearance of having been freshly scrubbed.

As one who was always having trouble with the "gee string" of our blouse, and who never washed our ears in a manner satisfactory to our mother, we looked upon this schoolmate with quite a bit of disapproval and figured then and there that he would never amount to much.

The years rolled slowly by. Then came the age of fifteen. Somehow or other someone got it into their head that our hometown should organize a community chorus. Our father, who sings a mean bass and who can get his chin down out of sight in his collar when he turns his attention to a real low note, was mixed up in it. Several dozen other citizens also had the fever, and several times each week they met at the school house to make the night resound to a mixture of voices—some good, some bad, while a good lady who professed to be the singing director made wild motions with a baton (in form of a yardstick).

This hadn't gone on long until someone had an inspiration that turned out to be a nightmare for us; for the schoolmate whose ears were always clean; and for a couple of other boys who were sons of the Methodist preacher. They roped us into a boys' quartette!

A concert was in the offing. The mother of the boy with the clean ears was our pianist and instructor. And we practiced long and hard on a song, the first lines of which went like this:

"I saw a ship a-sailing
A-sailing on the sea,
And oh! It was all laden
With pretty things for thee."

Can't you imagine the agony that was for boys who were much more interested in damming the branch or digging a cave?

Well, to make a long story short, the concert was given, it went off okay, even our quartette coming in for some applause. But then, because the community singers had exhausted their hometown audience of white people, they arranged to present it in the local colored Methodist church for the colored people!

Can you imagine anything more cruel? Both to the colored people and to us? Can't you just see us and the boy with the clean ears and the preacher's sons standing up there before an audience of natural born singers, quavering about a "little ship upon the sea?"

But what we remember best was the way the boy with the clean ears took it in stride. He seemed to be a natural born actor.

More years passed and we went our different ways. We to newspaper work after a try at college; the boy with the clean ears to the University of North Carolina, and the preacher's sons to California, where one has since departed this life.

For a number of years we lost sight of the boy with the clean ears. Then, just Monday we were down at the Lyric theatre getting the Lyric advertisement which appears in this issue. We were looking at the press sheets on a movie which will be at the Lyric next Wednesday, "Congo Maise," starring Ann Sothern. Then our eyes fell on this line, "With Shepard Strudwick."

If you see this picture, watch for Shepard Strudwick, for a number of years a leading man on the Broadway stage, and considered, although turned down, for the part of Ashley Wilkes in "Gone With the Wind," and now

working in a new "Dr. Kildare" picture.

He is the boy with the clean ears.

MOUNTAIN PARK

Rev. E. G. Jordan filled his appointment at the Baptist church here Saturday evening and Sunday morning.

Mr. A. M. Linville, who is employed in Lexington, spent the week-end with his family here.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Thompson and son, Jerry Bill, of Boone, were the Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Herman Thompson.

Misses Vetra and Irene Hanes spent Saturday in Winston-Salem.

The members of the Mountain Park band, with their leader, Mr. E. A. Mills, and several members of the Mountain Park school faculty, motored to Greensboro Sunday to attend a band program at the National theatre. They reported a most enjoyable trip.

Mrs. Gertrude Simpson and son, Joe, were visitors in Elkin Saturday.

Mrs. Will Shores returned home Thursday from Elkin where she has been a patient for some time in the Hugh Chatham Memorial hospital.

We are sorry to note that Mrs. F. C. Sprinkle is on the sick list. Mrs. Huston Cockerham is quite ill at this time.

STATE ROAD

We are glad to welcome to our community Mr. and Mrs. Thurmond Eldridge and family. Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Gentry and family and Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Sprinkle, all of Winston-Salem, employed by the Chatham Manufacturing company.

Mr. and Mrs. John Alfred Hanes and daughter, Anne, of Kings Mountain, spent the week-end with Mrs. Hanes' father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Dickerson.

Eugene Wilkerson of Kannapolis, visited relatives and friends here Sunday.

Bobby Hamby of Salisbury, visited his grandmother, Mrs. Emma Walters, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. James Irvin and

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INCREASE

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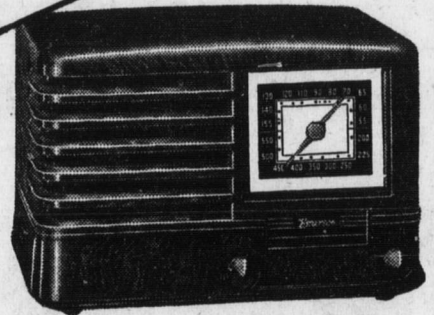
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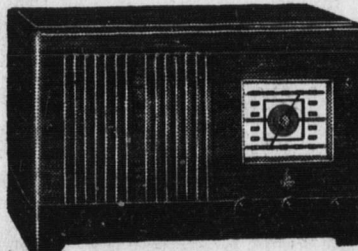
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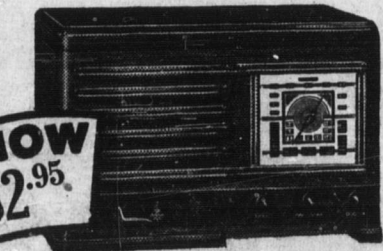


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