

# THE GAB BAG

By ALAN BROWNING, JR.



harmless little column which, even if it pleased no one, certainly would have no repercussions. But just this morning came the following from Hillsboro:

Dear Alan:

Thanks to your mother's kindness, I have read with much pleasure and amusement your "Home-town Boy Makes Good." It was a delightful reminiscence, however, Sheppard was not "turned down" for "Gone With the Wind." He did not make a test for it. A contract with Surry Players required him to return to New York before the tests were started.

If you have a chance to see a short "That Mothers May Live," it is worth seeing. He did that and two others while in Hollywood that year.

With good wishes and hoping you will have better luck with your garden this year.

Sincerely,

S. STRUDWICK.

S. Strudwick, in case you are interested, is the father of Sheppard Strudwick, who appeared in the movie "Congo Masie" at the Lyric Wednesday, who we referred to last week as the boy with the clean ears. Maybe if we had devoted more time to our ears when we were a child we might have amounted to something. But reckon it would be worth it?

Spring is coming on and with it will come a new crop of snapshooters. It's a sight how photography has caught on in the last few years. And it's a sight how much pleasure we can get out of looking at a camera catalog.

There are hundreds of cameras on the market, ranging in price from a dollar to hundreds of dollars. But if we could have our choice of any camera made, we'd pick the new miniature Speed Graphic, with a Kalart range

## At Lyric Monday



Jack Shea, who will be at the Lyric theatre next Monday and Tuesday with his "Radio Round Up" stage show, featuring eight big acts plus the New York World's Fair Cowboy String Band.

finder. It only costs a little under \$150.

With films as fast as they are now, we sometimes wonder how we ever got along back ten years ago with the film in use then. We used to have to make football pictures, which required a rather fast shutter speed to stop the motion, and the film we used had a speed rating of 8. Today, even for the comparatively slow shutter speed required to make pictures of people walking along the street, we use a film with a speed rating of 100.

Not that you give a rip, but just to fill this column out, we'll tell you that it requires a shutter speed of 1-100 of a second to make those candid street shots. Our present camera is capable of a speed up to 1-250 of a second shutter speed. A Speed Graphic camera gives you speeds up to 1-1000 of a second. Many cameras on the market have speeds as high as 1-1500th.

Many of the street pictures could be made with a box camera, which has one speed of about 1-25th second. For, in a lot of instances, someone will come walking along the street and suddenly spot us, and our camera. No sooner do they see us than they come to a complete stop and appear to meditate deeply upon some subject, standing perfectly still the while presenting a full face view. However, usually they are out of focus range and don't get "took."

Others, when they see us, suddenly whirl around and head back the other way. Still others will pass and be heard to mutter: "He'd better not take my picture!" And when their picture comes out in the paper the following issue, they always come for the free tickets.

However, the majority of folks appear to enjoy having their picture made and get a kick out of seeing themselves in print.

And if you are not all tired out by now, we are, so we'll quit here.

Orchids grow wild in the Philippine Islands.

### ORDINANCE

Be It Ordained By The Board of Commissioners of the Town of Elkin:

#### Stop for Traffic Signals

Sec. I. Every automobile or other vehicle on approaching a street intersection where a traffic signal is in operation shall, unless the traffic signal shows green, stop clear of the intersection of said street and shall remain clear of said intersection until the green signal is flashed.

#### Unlawful to Park in No-Parking Zone

Sec. II. It shall be unlawful for the owner or driver of an automobile or other vehicle to stop or leave standing such vehicle in any space set aside as a no-parking zone or in front of the fire house door or spaces set aside and reserved for bus stops or in any other spaces designated as a no-parking zone, except for the purpose of immediately taking on or discharging passengers or freight.

Penalty Sec. III. That any violation of this ordinance shall be punished by a fine of not less than Two Dollars nor more than Ten Dollars.

J. R. POINDEXTER, Mayor.

Attest: PAUL GWYN, Clerk. The above ordinance published by order of the board of commissioners, Town of Elkin. This the 6th day of March, 1940. PAUL GWYN, Clerk.

**MAYBE WE ARE GROWING OLD, MAGGIE**  
Certainly there are no silver threads among the gold on our dome, but our hair line is beginning to recede a little, and we feel far more tottery than we did last year at this very same moment. Can it be we are growing old?

What makes us wonder is the fact that Sunday we dashed off this weekly column, and on Monday morning we tore it up as being unworthy of our nine readers. It's the first time in history we've ever torn up a column of our own accord. Of course sometimes the boss tears one up for us, but that's to be expected and taken with good grace. But tearing one up ourselves—and it just a mild, harmless little column with nothing in it to upset anyone—is amazing. For the column is too much trouble to write in the first place to be torn up in the second place.

Once upon a time this column was quite a bit of fun to write. But here of late it has gotten to be more of a work horse for other folks than anything else, because everybody that has an axe to

grind usually brings it to us. And, if we grind it for them and hell pops as a consequence, then they slide back into the shadows and murmur: "It's your axe."

Once upon a time we were able to fill this space with foolishness and the like. But nowadays we just don't seem as foolish as we'd like to. Of course there are a lot of people who will arise and declare we seem perfectly foolish to them, but that's of no help. It must be old age and the weight of advancing years.

Last week we thought we did a



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- 1936 Ford DeLuxe Tudor.** The very thing for a family car. In good condition and ready to roll plenty more miles. Price was \$375, but now... **\$325**
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