

# THE GAB BAG



## THE GRAPES OF WRATH

Having just completed "The Grapes of Wrath," we feel sure that all you nine readers will feel gratified to know that we are now able to cuss in a much more proficient manner than of yore if and when we feel the urge to do a little cussing. And even though we are not as a rule profane, still it is some comfort to know that we could be profane, and in a big way, if the notion struck us.

Many people who have read the book have said that they have never seen a piece of literature as vulgar and profane. To us it's just a case of an author putting into print the everyday language of some people. For nice or not, we have many times heard the very same brand of profanity and vulgarity as contained in "The Grapes of Wrath," used right here in Elkin and elsewhere.

We couldn't help but sympathize with the Joads when it came to their car. As one who nursed and coaxed the famous Calamity 1st around for a year or so, we know just what they experienced. Only, when we started out on a trip of over five

miles, we not only carried a full assortment of tools, but also a roll of baling wire, a pack of chewing gum, and other assorted supplies. Once, on a trip to Winston-Salem, the radiator sprung a leak and the fan blew the water back on the timer. That was when the chewing gum came in handy. We just stuck a wad over the hole every seven miles. It would take that long for it to get hot enough to melt off. Kept us rather busy chewing, though.

These cars of today, with their high compression motors and their trouble-free mechanism are nice and all that, but where is the spirit of adventure that one had when he ventured out onto the highway in a T model Ford? It's just not there any more. Still, as far as we are concerned, the way things have taken to dropping off our present car, it looks like it's coming back just any time now.

## THIS AND THAT

Although it looks as if there's nothing anyone can do about it, Elkin is terribly in need of more parking space. Especially on Fridays and Saturdays is the need acute.

More streets are what is needed. But the way the town is situated, there's no place to put more streets. Or many more, anyway.

If some smart fellow would just invent a car that could be folded up, it would relieve the situation a lot.

We sort of dread the remainder of this year. We dread all election years, from now on, and with growing fury, will come the political speeches by folks who are not in office and want to get in, and by folks who are in office and want to stay in.

Of course, political speeches are sometimes necessary, especially during a campaign, and even though they sort of get one all whipped down, we guess they serve their purpose. But it makes us tired to hear the opposition run down Mr. Roosevelt. They rave and rant about what a mess he has made of things. Are they in any position to know just how much better, or worse, things would be now had they been in power instead of Mr. Roosevelt? Maybe they would have done much better than F. D. R. But prior to the time he took office they hadn't produced any evidence that there was anything they could do.

Speaking of big politicians leads us to consider the small politicians. If campaign talks and platforms are necessary to inform the voters what a candidate stands for when he runs for a big job, then why shouldn't the smaller office seekers do a little talking and let folks know what they stand for, if anything? Some do. Others just ride into office on the winning ticket and no one knows whether they stand for anything other than a seat at the pie counter.

Do you want to know whether or not Mr. Roosevelt is going to come out for a third term? Just call 7865456 and ask for Butch.

Butch doesn't know either, but there's no harm in calling.

It'll be good exercise.

## LONGTOWN

Misses Arnette Long and Esther Reinhardt entertained some of their friends at a delightful party at the home of the latter on Saturday evening. Bingo and other games were played, with prizes going to Clifton Long, Lillie Shore, Marvin Cheek, Odell Haire, and Donald Hudspeth.

The hostess, assisted by Mrs. Dan Reinhardt, served refreshments consisting of sandwiches, cakes and hot chocolate to the following: Arnette Long, Donald Hudspeth, Esther Reinhardt, Odell Haire, Zelma Steelman, Clifton Long, Georgia Key, George Long, Lillie Shore, Frank Hemric, Georgia Ruth Branon, Thad Branon, Madie Pearl Brown, Beecher Shore, Marvin Cheek, Allan Swain, Johnny Salmons, and Mr. and Mrs. Davis Branon.

Rev. and Mrs. Sam Jones had as their week-end guest his mother, Mrs. Jones, of Marion.

Mr. and Mrs. Thad Shore and children spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. Henry Clay Johnson.

Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Reinhardt and Betty Lou Steelman visited relatives here Sunday.

Buddy Bell spent Sunday with Coolidge Shore.

Mr. and Mrs. Gaitner Key had

as their Sunday guests Mr. and Mrs. Ransom Long.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Shore and daughter, Shelby Jean, spent Saturday night with Mr. and Mrs. Parks Shore.

## What's In a Name? Town Has Three!

Raleigh, March 12.—The post office department says the state's newest post office is Waves, and the place once was known as Soumedanthe, but the natives insist that they live at Chicamicomoco.

Waves is on the outer banks, and with the Atlantic ocean lapping around the post office, the new name is appropriate but the natives insist on using the old one.

Appropriate names and unusual or whimsical names for towns, and places are nothing new in North Carolina.

In the western part of the state one finds Loafer's Glory, Suit, Shooting Creek, No Pone Valley, Dirty John Creek, Mollie's

Butt, Skut Cap, and Charlie's Bunion.

There's the town of Whynot, too, named that because the people argued "why not name the town . . ." after a general. A wag proposed calling it "Whynot" and so it was.

One can also find Thrift, Citron Duck, Ararat, Prosperity, Day Book Luck, Ledger, Welcome, Joy, Worry, Friendship, Harmony, Charity, Faith, Just, Toddy, Climax, Chocolate, Cognac, Speed, Ether and Barber among the state's post offices.

## Sort of Triangle

He—I love you  
She—Really?  
He—But don't tell your husband.  
She—Why?  
He—It might get back to my wife.

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All over North Carolina there are law-abiding beer dealers who merit public approval and patronage because they respect the privilege conferred by State, County or City beer permits.

Here and there, beer is being sold amid surroundings as distasteful to the industry as to you. The industry, in cooperation with law officers, is helping to eliminate these few law-violators.

Without customers, the "joints" cannot exist. YOU can help us "clean them up"—by dealing only with the respectable beer retailer who is on the side of law and order and decency.

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EDGAR H. BAIN, State Director

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News — Admission 10c-25c

SATURDAY—

## BLACK GOLD!

That turned human beings into furious fighting demons!

— JACKIE COOPER — FREDDIE BARTHOLOMEW —

## 2 BRIGHT BOYS

Cartoon - Serial - Comedy — Adm. 10c-30c

MONDAY-TUESDAY, NEXT WEEK—

FRIDAY ONLY—

## "TOWER OF LONDON"

BASIL RATHBONE - BORIS KARLOFF

Shorts — Admission 10c-25c

WEDNESDAY—

## "OH, JOHNNY, OH! HOW YOU CAN LOVE!"

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