

THE GAB BAG

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YOU NEVER CAN TELL ABOUT SIMPSON

From here it looks as if the Gab Bag is not going to have anymore unusual photos unless we get out and take them ourself, because Simpson, the man with the left-handed brain, has quit the photography business and gone to making hair restorer.

You never can tell about that guy. At first he was all enthused about picture scoops, and now he is all worked up over growing hair on bald domes.

We had a letter from him this morning in which he gave us the lowdown on his new preparation for restoring hair. He calls it "Simpson's Simplified Solution for Restoring Hair to Bald Pates." That's what it says on

the circular which comes with each jar, but on the box it merely says "Simpson's Salve." And also with each jar is a little pamphlet entitled "Hair-raising Tales for Bald Headed Men."

According to inside information, Simpson's Salve is made up of two ingredients, namely, cranium softener and hair seed. The cranium softener, when applied to the hardest head, softens up the dome so completely that the hair seed can sink in and take root. It is claimed that hair will sprout within three days, if the head is carefully watered twice a day. Better results may be obtained by standing out in the rain, we understand.

One of the many advantages of Simpson's new hair restorer is that it will grow hair in any color or shade desired. The circular lists the following colors: red, pink, yellow, purple, orange, black, white and the two new and popular colors, Monday blue and midweek grey.

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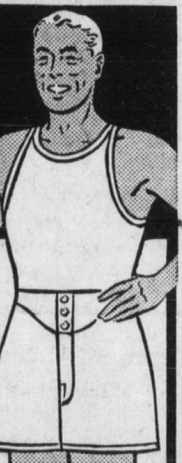


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it may be used as a rat exterminator, provided one is afflicted with bald-headed rats.

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IT HAS ITS PROBLEMS

Column writing is full of problems, especially when one does not feel in the mood to campaign for or against anything. And having done enough campaigning recently to last us for a few weeks, we have no desire to even get in the mood at present.

Still, a good campaign fills up space fast, while just messing along like we have done thus far in this column proves slow going. When we started writing about Simpson and his salve up above we thought we had something that would at least fill three-fourths of the column, but after exactly seven paragraphs we had completely exhausted our subject. But that's the way with us. Any subject we are able to get our hands on always exhausts so easily.

There used to be a time when Elkin's navy was good for a column any time. That was when a new ship was being launched almost every day and we could get along just fine by just rattling off a dedication story. If the ship happened to sink when it hit the water, then we changed it into a submarine and dedicated it anyway. But alas! The day of the U. S. S. Lizzie, Hootnanny, River Rat, Percy and its kin appears to be gone forever. Spring freshets have completely wrecked the navy, and just at a time when a few Yadkin river fighting boats are so badly needed.

For who knows where Hitler will strike next? Why it wouldn't surprise us to see him come rowing up the Yadkin most any time so he could protect somebody. Hitler is great on protecting people. Rather than let someone blow your head off, he'll do it himself.

One good way to get rid of Hitler would be to talk him into attending a Republican convention and giving three cheers for Roosevelt. He wouldn't last five minutes.

Speaking of politics, who are you for for President? As far as we are concerned, we are not for anyone who has as yet announced. We don't like Dewey, and we don't like Vandenberg or Taft. We wouldn't vote for Mr. Farley and we wouldn't vote for Mr. McNutt, and John Nance Garner is just not our idea of a man to be president. We would favor Mr. Hull, if and when he was a candidate, but we expect, when the votes are counted in November, this country will find Mr. Roosevelt in the White House for four more years.

We are not against a third term for Mr. Roosevelt, or any other man whom we think is a good president, Democrat or Republican. Why toss a man out on account of tradition just when he has held a job long enough to learn the ropes? Thurmond Chatham has been president of the Chatham Manufacturing Company for more than eight years, but wouldn't it be rather silly to toss him out and put in an inexperienced man just because someone thought he had held the job long enough?

But that's the trouble with politics. The outs are always trying to get in regardless of whether it will benefit the country or not. And of course the ins are trying to stay in, only some of the ins want to get further in by being president. Or something.

A lot of politicians think too much about how to get in, and stay in office than they do about what's good for the country. If they can think up something that sounds good to the voters, then to heck with how it affects the nation.

And voters are about as bad, some of them. If Satan himself was running for office, we know some men who would vote for him just because he was of their party. It is just a case of putting party loyalty first and the welfare of the country last.

Or are we all mixed up?

Chances are we are.

Let's forget the whole thing.

DAMAGE

After only 100 years of intense cultivation, farm land in the United States which has been destroyed, seriously damaged or threatened with destruction totals an area nearly equal to all the land from which crops are normally harvested.

QUOTA UPHELD BY THE COURT

Ten Are Fined for Aiding and Abetting Evasion of Penalties

HAD EXCESS OF QUOTA

The provisions of the Agricultural Adjustment Act which will govern marketings of the flue-cured and Burley tobacco and cotton in 1940 have been completely upheld in a criminal case against a group of Cleveland county farmers, according to E. Y. Floyd, AAA executive officer of N. C. State College.

In the first criminal prosecution in the Nation involving cotton under the Farm Act, Federal Judge E. Yates Webb levied a \$25 fine on each of the 10 defendants who pleaded guilty to charges of aiding and abetting evasion of penalties incurred on cotton marketed in excess of their marketing quotas. In addition, the court ordered the defendants to pay approximately \$4,500 to the Cleveland County Agricultural Conservation Committee as unpaid penalties.

"This decision is of great significance to farmers who have voted for and will use the National marketing quotas for 1940," Floyd commented. "The way is cleared to enforce the law against any person who has sought or will attempt to evade the provisions and penalties of the marketing quotas for cotton and tobacco. Cooperators in the farm program can be assured that they will have the full protection of the law in their efforts to obtain better net income and avoid wasteful surpluses."

Floyd urged farmers and business men who are in doubt about their responsibilities under the marketing quota provisions to consult their county AAA committees for further information. The quota provisions of the farm program will be enforced by both civil and criminal action whenever necessary, he said.

RIDING BIKE ON WALK, YOUTH INJURES GIRL

Miss Sadie Hobson, of Elkin, received a fractured right arm last Friday afternoon, when she was struck by a bicycle ridden by a boy on a Main street sidewalk. Not thinking she was seriously hurt at the time, Miss Hobson didn't get the boy's name. A later examination at the Elkin hospital disclosed her arm was fractured.

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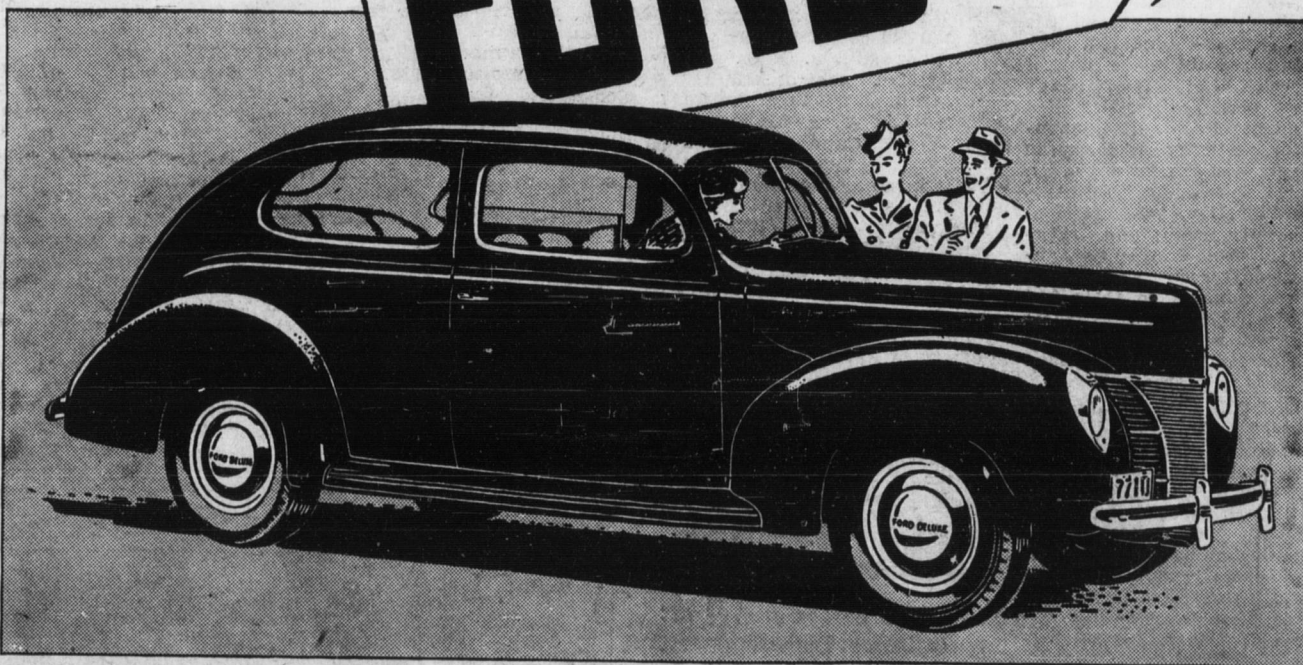
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