

THE GAB BAG

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IT'S AGAINST THE LAW

We happened to gain possession of a copy of town ordinances printed in 1926, the other day, and according to the laws therein—unless they've since been repealed—it's practically against the law here to do anything, and also against the law if you don't do anything. For that would practically amount to vagrancy.

For the benefit of numerous youngsters not yet 16, it's against the law for you to be on the streets downtown later than 9 o'clock unless accompanied by your parents, or else through special permission. You young gents and ladies who go to the movies and then pop into the drugstore of your choice for a pop afterward, are liable to arrest if you are under 16. Isn't that terrible! And jails are such cold, cheerless places, too, especially for anyone so young.

Then there are those of you who frequently drive downtown behind your choice mule, ox or horse. Don't hitch them to a telephone pole, for that is against the law. And don't let them wander around unattended, for that's against the law, too. Seems

there's not much liberty left for a self respecting animal anymore. Tsk, tsk.

There are a lot more ordinances in this little book that we can't remember at the time, and as we do not have it at hand at this particular moment, we'll have to wait until a later date to tell you what else you mustn't do if you want to keep out of Elkin's new super deluxe jail into which Corbett Wall would so like to put the writer of this column.

But coming from 1926 to 1940, we feel rather amused every time we see signs on the highways at Elkin's city limits which state that the speed limit is 25 miles an hour, and point out that this law is enforced, when everyone knows that local delivery trucks frequently attain a speed of 40 and 50 miles an hour right up Elkin's most populated residential streets.

There are laws and laws, but few of them are enforced.

LOTS OF HOUSES NOW
If ever a town was experiencing

a residential building boom, Elkin is it. Houses are appearing like mushrooms. Drive along a street some Sunday afternoon and you'll find several houses under construction. Drive along the same street the following Monday and not only will they be completed, but the weekly wash will be hanging on the line.

In a lot of cases, people are building doll houses, especially those built for rent. Maybe the builders are trying to keep the population down, for a married couple couldn't afford to have many children in one of them. As it is, in case a fellow wants to stretch out, he has to sit in the parlor, put his feet in the kitchen and his elbows in the bedrooms.

Still, it's remarkable how much space they manage to build into one of these new little houses. When you notice the foundation you'd be willing to swear that there will not be room for over two rooms. Yet when it's done you'll find four rooms, a breakfast nook, and a bath. And probably a front porch that you might be able to get one chair on if it's rather small and if you don't mind sitting with your feet in the front yard.

In a lot of instances, however, these small houses come equipped with a large rent. Which is a comfort—to the landlord.

THIS AND THAT

We understand that there are quite a few folks in town who have scented a big success story in the recent rat campaign, if you get what we mean.

They put on a rat campaign down in Uncle Culpepper's home town a couple of years ago, but it didn't do so much good. It seems that Uncle Culpepper beat the rats to the bait. He always was fond of fish.

Aunt Frousy said it got to be a common occurrence to find Uncle Cul caught in the rat trap every time she would set it. But he always was one to go around poking his nose into things.

It was rumored around once that all the neighborhood rats were seriously thinking of staging an anti-Culpepper campaign, but couldn't get any cooperation from the state board of health.

Do you have a little rat in your home?

BETHEL

The farmers are very busy preparing to plant corn. Owing to the recent rains the ground has been too wet to cultivate much of the time. Small grain is looking very promising for a good crop.

Mr. James Caudill, who resides near here, has been confined to his home for several weeks with illness.

Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Stroud visited their sister-in-law, Mrs. Lillie Holloman, at the Elkin hospital last Sunday where she is being treated.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Morrison visited Mrs. Morrison's mother, Mrs. Wells, near Wilkesboro, last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Gilliam, of Elkin, Mr. and Mrs. David R. Gilliam and Mr. and Mrs. W. F. McBride, of Jonesville, visited their sister and aunt last Sunday for a while, Mrs. J. T. Triplette, and Mr. Triplette.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Melton, Mr. and Mrs. Wiley Cox, of Elkin, were the guests last Sunday of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. J. Melton.

Mrs. Charles Hulcher, Mrs. Della Carter, Miss Louise Evry and Miss Jennie Harris, teachers in the Ronda high school, were entertained at dinner by Mr. and Mrs. D. S. Gilliam last Thursday evening.

Miss Blanche Pardue spent last week-end visiting her sister, Mrs. Spurgeon Cheeks, near Clingman.

The children here are enjoying a vacation now, the school at Ronda having closed last week. The seniors from here are Miss Norma Gilliam and Misses Myrtle and Vennie Mathis, daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Jones Mathis, near this community. The following received their seventh grade diplomas: Leo Gilley, Blanche Pardue, Rebecca Pardue, Doris Faye Jones, Kenneth Stroud, Clay Mastin, and Joe Mathis, Jr.

Little Miss Edna Mathis spent the past week-end as guest of her sister, Mrs. Felix Swalm, of Cycle.

Mrs. C. W. Gilliam is spending this week at Wilkesboro with her daughter and family, Mrs. W. A. Stroud. She will attend the graduation exercises at school there Tuesday evening with Mr. and Mrs. Stroud. Their son, Ray, is a member of the senior class this year.

Several relatives and friends of Mrs. A. L. Triplette spent last Sunday with her at her home here. Bringing lunch, they gave Mrs. Triplette a complete surprise, it being her birthday anniversary. The pleasure was marred by the illness of the honoree's small son and of her mother who is an invalid.

Only Cracked
Chubb—Huh, wise guy, eh? Why, you're just like a whip in the hands of an expert.
Duff—Smart, you mean?
Chubb—Naw, cracked!

NOTICE
Before the Clerk
North Carolina,
Surry County.

Woodrow Park and wife, Marvarene Park, vs. Mrs. Gertha Park Hatcher and husband, J. O. Hatcher; Mrs. Fannie Park Saunders (widow); Mrs. Beulah Park Hamilton (widow) and husband, Walker Hamilton and Nelson Park, minor.

The defendants, Mrs. Gertha Park Hatcher and husband, J. O. Hatcher and Mrs. Fannie Park Saunders will take notice that an

action entitled as above has been commenced in the Superior Court of Surry County, North Carolina, for a partition of land, and that said defendants will further take notice that they are required to appear at the office of the Clerk of the Superior Court, said County, in the Court House in Dobson, North Carolina, within ten days after the 18th day of May, 1940, and answer or demur to the Complaint in said action or the plaintiffs will apply for the relief demanded in said Complaint.

This the 24th day of April, 1940.

F. T. LLEWELLYN,
Clerk of Superior Court.

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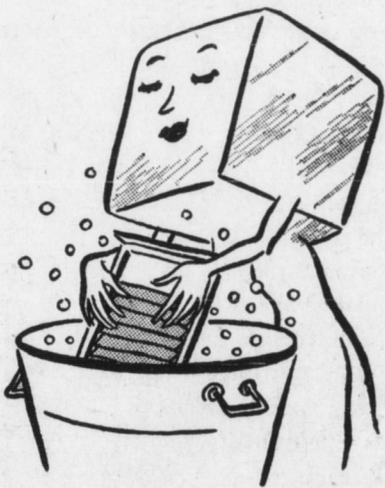
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PICTURE OF A CAKE OF ICE WASHING SOME AIR!

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But there's none of this flavor-mingling, food-tainting in a modern air-conditioned ICE refrigerator. That picture up at the top is amusing, but it tells a true story. The film of water on melting ice washes out of the air the food odors which, in other types of refrigeration, are the common cause of flavor exchanges.

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News — Admission 10c-25c

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ROLAND YOUNG - MARY BOLAND
CESAR ROMERO - MARY HEALY
LYLE TALBOT - ELISHA COOK, Jr.
BARNETT PARKER
Directed by Ray Del Ruth
Darryl F. Zanuck in Charge of Production

SATURDAY—

THE MAN FROM DAKOTA
Wallace BEERY
JOHN HOWARD
DOLORES DEL RIO
Cartoon - Serial - "Crime Does Not Pay"
Admission 10c-30c

MONDAY-TUESDAY—NEXT WEEK—

DARRYL F. ZANUCK'S
Production of
THE GRAPES OF WRATH
by John Steinbeck
HENRY FONDA
JANE DARVELL
JOHN CARROLL
CHARLEY GRAPENW
DORIS BOWDON
RUSSELL SIMPSON
G. Z. WHITEHEAD
JOHN GILLEN
EDDIE GILLAN
JEFFREY VILSBY
Directed by JOHN FORD
Associate Producer, and Screen Play by Nunnally Johnson
A 20th Century-Fox Picture

News - Cartoon — Admission 10c-30c

WEDNESDAY—FAMILY SHOW—

"SEVENTEEN"

With Jackie Cooper - Betty Field

Cartoon - Serial — Admission 10c to All

"GONE WITH THE WIND"

MAY 20-21-22

3 Shows Daily—9:30 A.M. - 1:30 P.M. - 7:30 P.M.

Admission: Matinees 75c - Night \$1.10

Note: Family Show Will Be Shown Thursday, May 23, Due to Showing of "Gone With the Wind" on Wednesday

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