

# THE GAB BAG

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## THESE BE PERILOUS TIMES

According to all we've been able to find out, we are living in perilous times. The United States faces a future blacker than at any time in her history—or so they say. The old ways of life are changing; the future will bring we know not what.

It sounds awfully bad, but that's what they are saying! And maybe it's true. Maybe there are days of trouble and sacrifice ahead for all of us. But so far, here in Elkin, aside from groups of folks gathered on the sidewalks and in the stores talking of war, there's no indication of much change.

That is, much change in a material way. There's been a big change among folks as concerns their outlook, during the past month or so. For where people once talked of war as something far off and concerning Europe only, now people think of the war as something which very vitally concerns themselves.

And there certainly is a war spirit here. Although they say it

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been families we know of who have planned what the wife and kids would do if the husband went to war. Hearing about this, we asked our wife what she would like to do in case we had to go to war?

"You won't have to go," she said. "You're too thin!" (We never did like the word "skinny.") Then we told her that this war needed brains as much as brawn.

"In that case," she said, "you'll still be safe from going." Tsk, tsk, tsk!

**THIS AND THAT**  
Preacher Abernethy and us have almost reached an agreement under the terms of which we will promote a pounding for him. Our commission will be half.

Any other preachers, regardless of denomination, who like the idea, are invited to get in touch with us right away.

They are saying the Republicans are going to hold their national convention within a very few days. And that the Democrats are going to follow with theirs a few weeks later. But so far as we've been able to observe to date, it's not being said on the front pages.

Wonder if the convention keynote addresses on the radio will be interrupted for special war bulletins?

Who can remember when Mussolini was the world's No. 1 dictator? Now he's merely Hitler's stenographer—dictated to.

We read somewhere that the French, in retreating before the Nazi forces, do not destroy their gasoline supplies which cannot be moved. They just dump all available sugar into the gas. The sugar dissolves and is invisible. But once the gas is pumped into German war machines, it gums up the motors with a vengeance.

No doubt causing German mechanics a sweet time.

Hitler is proving a source of considerable bother to us personally, also his No. 1 jackal, Mussolini. Last week we had this column all written and ready to go, and along came Mussolini and messed it all up by entering the

war. This week we also had the column written, with the Germans at the gates of Paris at the writing. But before the linotype metal had time to cool, Hitler's army was in Paris, and we had to pull out a long paragraph and dump it in the hell box.

The boss says that Hitler's just too fast for us. We might add that he is too fast for lots of people, worse luck.

## EAST ELKIN

Rev. J. L. Powers, pastor of East Elkin Baptist church, filled his regular appointment here Sunday and Sunday night. He preached a wonderful sermon at both services.

The men's council held their regular meeting at the church Monday night, with Garfield Gambill leading. A good service was held.

Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Culler and family of Pinnacle, visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Newman, here Sunday.

Rev. Claude E. Flincham spent the week-end visiting relatives at Mount Airy.

The Woman's Missionary Society held its regular meeting at the home of Mrs. A. A. Newman, on Chatham Boulevard. A good meeting was enjoyed.

Mr. Roger Stewart, of Pilot Mountain, visited his cousin, Rev. Claude E. Flincham, here Monday afternoon.

### BEETLE

The artificial spread of a disease deadly to the Japanese beetle is being conducted in New Jersey, New York, Connecticut, and Maryland in an effort to control the pest.

## BRAY FAMILY REUNION TO BE HELD SUNDAY

A reunion of the Bray family will be held Sunday at the home of Bob Evans, near Shady Grove church, six miles east of Elkin in Yadkin county. All relatives and friends of the family are invited to attend and bring a basket lunch.

### 6,000,000

More than 6,000,000 farmers, operating 82 per cent. of the crop land in the United States, are participating in the 1940 AAA program, announces the Agricultural Adjustment Administration.

### ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE

Having qualified as administrator of J. T. Bostick, late of Surry county, this is to notify all persons holding claims against said estate to present them to the undersigned within one year from date of this notice or same will be plead in bar of their recovery. All persons owing said estate will please settle at once. This the 5th day of June, 1940.

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