



**MUCH ABOUT NOTHING**  
Although we are writing this particular column three days late according to our usual schedule, no one here at the office has as yet missed it, and if we weren't fearful that our nine readers wouldn't miss it, too, we wouldn't write it this week.

One of our nine readers, a Mr. Mays, from up in Delaware, was in the office this morning on business and while here expressed a desire to see the author of this column. When he saw us he looked disappointed like all the others.

Goodness gracious, what do they expect?  
We ran into Tom Parnell down on the street today, which was a



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pleasant surprise. We had heard from what we considered to be a very reliable source, that Tom had gone to Washington as assistant to J. Edgar Hoover, boss of the F.B.I. However, we found it to be a mistake, even though Mr. Parnell did perform yeoman service in assisting Chief of Police Corbett Wall in arresting a negro man here the other week.

"Without Mr. Parnell's aid," Mr. Wall told us, "I would have probably arrested the man in half the time. The delay was caused due to Mr. Parnell's insistence that the fugitive was wearing a green shirt that was blue."

The safety parade which is to be staged here this afternoon (Thursday to you), should be quite a stunt. In it a driverless car will tour Main street—and we maintain that even a car without a driver is a lot safer than some of the cars hereabouts with a driver. Some of you will remember a similar demonstration which was held here three years ago.

Our looking-after-small-things department reports that a survey has indicated that firms which sponsor vending machines on the street should be more careful to

see that the machines give value received. Particular attention has been called to penny scales which do not weigh and chewing gum machines which have run empty of gum but which take in the pennies just the same. A penny is a small thing, but to a kid who has only one and wants some gum, it's much in the nature of a tragedy to see the penny vanish into the slot and nothing come out.

Besides, it was the last penny we had!

When the new postoffice was built, many people expected the business end of town to grow in its direction. But since its construction, that section east of the main square has shown quite a boom, what with new buildings and new businesses. We were discussing this fact with a merchant of the east section the other day. "People who thought the best business section would be toward the postoffice were terribly mistaken," he said. "When one goes to the postoffice and returns with a handful of bills, one has tears in his eyes—and is not likely to stop to do any trading at any store within a block of where he received the bad news."

We used to think Col. Lindbergh about the greatest hero there ever was. But since he has taken it upon himself to tell the nation what to do about foreign policy—especially since his speech last Sunday when he urged co-operation with Germany—we feel that he should make another trans-Atlantic flight and stay where he gets.

Thurmond Chatham, who has sons of draft age, is in favor of conscription as a part of the national defense program. He told us last week he believed the conscription bill will be passed. But at the rate the politicians are going about it, Hitler will be landing at Plymouth Rock before it's a fact.

Even if Hitler landed in this country, we still believe some of the politicians would want to wait to see which road he was going to take before they did anything.

**EAST ELKIN**

Doyle Newman has returned to his home here after spending two weeks with his aunt, Mrs. D. W. Culler, at Pinnacle.

We are sorry to learn of the illness of Mrs. H. T. Fincham, mother of Rev. Claude E. Fincham, at her home near Pilot Mountain.

The Woman's Missionary society of East Elkin Baptist church will meet Thursday night in the home of Mrs. Shirley Hinson on Chatham street. The subject will be "Firm Foundations for the Future."

A singing school, under the management of Mr. M. R. Mastin, will begin at East Elkin Baptist church Monday night and continue each night through the week.

Rev. J. L. Powers filled his regular appointment at Bean Shoals Baptist church near Pilot Mountain, Sunday. Reports are that he preached wonderful sermons at both morning and evening services.

Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Elledge and Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Creed spent Sunday at Stuart, Va.

Misses Swannie and Dilva Burckham spent Sunday in Winston-Salem visiting friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas McBride and family spent the week-end with Mrs. McBride's mother, Mrs. Mabe, at Pine Hall.

Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Powell, of Bedford, Va., spent the week-end here visiting Rev. and Mrs. Loyd Pardue.

**MOUNTAIN VIEW**

We are sorry to note the painful misfortune of Mr. Miles King, who was bitten by a spider Saturday while curing tobacco. Mr. King's condition was serious but shows some improvement. We wish for him a speedy recovery.

Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Holcomb had as their Sunday guests Mr. and Mrs. Mitch Mitchson and little daughter, Lourie, of Philadelphia. Mr. and Mrs. Jones Shore and son, Wayne, of High Point. Mr. and Mrs. Durid Calloway, Mr. Odell Calloway and Mrs. Emma Morgan and daughter, all of Winston-Salem.

Mr. Tom Adams, of Nebo, visited his son, Mr. Henry Adams, and Mrs. Adams, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Willie Snow visited their brother, Mr. Fred Snow, and Mrs. Snow, of East Bend, and their sister, Mrs. Frank Tuttle, of Donnah, Sunday.

Miss Lois Shore was the week-end guest of her cousin, Miss Frances McBride, of Lewisville.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom VanHoy had as their Sunday guest Mrs. Edd VanHoy, of Oak Grove.

**UNDER**  
Total continental European supplies of the bread grains, wheat and rye, appear to be 5 to 10 per cent. under peace time consumption requirements this year, reports the U. S. Department of Agriculture.

**INCOME**  
Cash farm income from marketings and government payments in June amounted to \$587,000,000 as compared with \$583,000,000 in the same month of 1939.

Private ownership of squirrels is forbidden by law in Arkansas except during October, November and December.

**NOTICE**  
State of North Carolina, Surry County.  
In Superior Court.  
W. A. Marion, Plaintiff, vs. Myrtle Marion, Defendant.  
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F. T. LLEWELLYN,  
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**MAE WEST W.C. WEST FIELDS**  
**My Little Chickadee**  
JOSEPH CALLEIA • DICK FORAN DONALD NEEK • FUZZY KNIGHT Margaret HAMILTON • Ruth DONNELLY  
News — Admission 10c-30c

**FRI. NIGHT, LATE SHOW, 11 O'CLOCK—**  
**"BLACK FRIDAY"**  
With Boris Karloff - Bela Lugosi  
Admission 10c-30c

**SATURDAY—**

**THEY LIVE WITH DANGER!**  
The awesome spectacle of man challenging the fury of nature  
**SKI PATROL**  
with LULI DESTI  
PHILIP DORN SAMUEL S. HINDS STANLEY FIELDS EDWARD NORRIS  
Cartoon - Serial - "Crime Does Not Pay"  
Admission 10c-30c

**MONDAY-TUESDAY—NEXT WEEK—**

DARRYL F. ZANUCK'S Production of **LILLIAN RUSSELL**  
Alice Don Henry **FAYE • AMECHE • FONDA**  
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