

# THE GAB BAG

By ALAN BROWNING, JR.



### "STILL SMILING AND CARRYING ON"

We have remarked several times in this column about an English friend with whom we used to work in Greensboro. This friend and his family went back to England about six or seven years ago. During that time we've had a number of letters from him.

About a couple of months ago we wrote him, not knowing whether he was in the army or had been killed in action or by German bombs (he lived in Essex, a section that has been raided). Then, a few days ago we received a letter from him, mailed in Bedford, England, on July 13, which we figure may be of some interest to you, due to the fact it comes from someone who is directly in the path of Hitler's threatened blitzkrieg. The letter follows:

65 Ashburnham Rd.,  
Bedford, England,  
July 13th

Dear Alan:  
Needless to say we were very glad to get your letter, as a matter of fact it was the first letter we have had from the U. S. A. since about January.

Well, I suppose you will want to know what has happened to me since last September. I spent the first day of the war trying to join the photographic section of the Royal Air Force, but by the time it got to my turn they were full up.

Then my job gave up the ghost. I was working in Piccadilly Circus, fashion and advertising photography (a nice interesting job). Then they started a stunt that anyone that had no job could do five months' training at a Government training centre and then be sent out to a factory doing war work, so I had a basin full of that. I finished my train-

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ing in April and have been working here since. I am a centre lathe operator (of a sort). As you can guess we have to work long hours. I do one week day work and one of night work.

I think that is enough about myself. Ginette and the kids are O. K. They came up here to live soon after I did. Imagine, Jean is 16 now!

Well Alan, I expect you read plenty about this war and listen on the short wave, and all I can tell you is that everyone here is still smiling and carrying on with his or her job. Business is booming in this town, although of course some of the towns on the coast are in a fix with everyone gone and business gone to hell.

Do you ever go to Greensboro? Gosh, I'd like to see it again. Just between you and me I think it would be a nice idea if America came into this war. You might speak to the mayor of Elkin about it for me.

There's one thing I would like to see again—that's a town lit up at night!

—KEN

It would appear, from the tone of the letter, that things are going along okey over there. There's no hint of the horror England face, but chances are if there had been, the censor would have taken it out. There's one thing you've got to hand the English, they don't seem to get excited. Just smile and carry on.

### THIS AND THAT

When we wrote that story about a police drive on speeding, which appeared in The Tribune last week, we were assured by Corbett Wall, chief of police, that the police were going to do just what they said in the matter of curbing speeding and reckless driving. We wanted to be sure about that—not that we doubt Mr. Wall's sincerity, but because in the past we have been left out on a limb many times after writing stories about what was to be done only to see the whole matter forgotten.

We believe they mean business this time. Chief Wall said complaints about speeding had been coming in from all over town. He said one citizen, who lives in West Elkin, told him one day that if a reckless driver ever hit one of his children, it would not be necessary to send police to take care of the reckless driver, but a funeral coach would be necessary.

We hope the police will do

something about it, because we are tired of having passing automobiles and delivery trucks suck the furniture out of our living room. They go by so fast the after-draft blows away radio programs. We were listening to a news broadcast a couple of days ago when one of these motorized tornadoes went tearing down the street. By the time the air had become still enough for the radio to operate again, we were right in the middle of Amos 'n' Andy.

Willie Bell, who works down at the depot, but is quite a camera bug, is mad as all get out at Hitler. He planned to buy a camera like the one we use, but when he ordered it from the Eastman Kodak Co., he was informed that the particular camera he wanted has been discontinued and stocks exhausted.

The camera, known as the Recomar, was manufactured by Eastman, but in a German plant. We reckon that the war sort of put things on the blink, and the material that used to go into camera bodies is now being dumped on the English countryside in form of high explosive bombs. Anyway, Willie is mad at Hitler.

In case you have a Recomar "18" that you want to sell, look him up.

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### PLEASANT HILL

David Day, Jr., and Paul Couch have returned from Norfolk, Va., where they spent some time at the beach.

Rev. David Day closed a two-week revival at New Hope church in Iredell county, where he is pastor. Twenty-two joined for baptism.

Rev. Orville Alexander was ordained as minister last Sunday afternoon. The service was in charge of Rev. David Day, Rev. Grant Cothren and Rev. J. L. Powers.

There will be a community singing at our church Sunday night. Choirs and quartettes are invited to attend.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Lawrence attended the wedding of her cousin, Miss Imogene Anthony, at Sandy Springs church in Yadkin county last Wednesday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Simmons have as their guest this week their daughter, Mrs. Howard Hicks, of Danville, Va.

Miss Gladys Welborn returned Sunday after spending some time in Courtney, the guest of Miss Nola Comer.

The small son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Wilmoth had his tonsils removed Friday. He is getting along very nicely.

Mrs. Sara Tucker, of the Cool Springs community, is visiting in our community this week.

### MOUNTAIN VIEW

Master John VanHoy, of Fred- erica, Delaware, arrived here Saturday, where he will spend a month with his uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Tom VanHoy.

Mr. Beecher Shore was the Sunday guest of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Cheek, of Arlington.

Misses Leola and Alex Shore are visiting their uncle, Mr. Vir- gil Shore and family, this week.

Miss Cordie Pardue of Winston- Salem, spent the week-end with her mother, Mrs. Alma Pardue.

Mr. Taft Wilkins and mother, Mrs. Viola Wilkins, visited relatives in Winston-Salem Sunday.

Miss Erma VanHoy of Winston- Salem, spent the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Isaac VanHoy.

Mrs. Jody Riley of Winston- Salem, was the Sunday guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Stokes.

Mr. Willie Ireland of Winston- Salem, visited Mr. and Mrs. T. N. VanHoy, Sunday.

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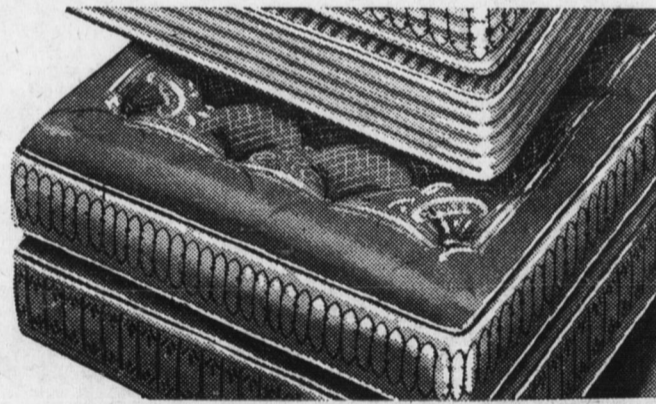
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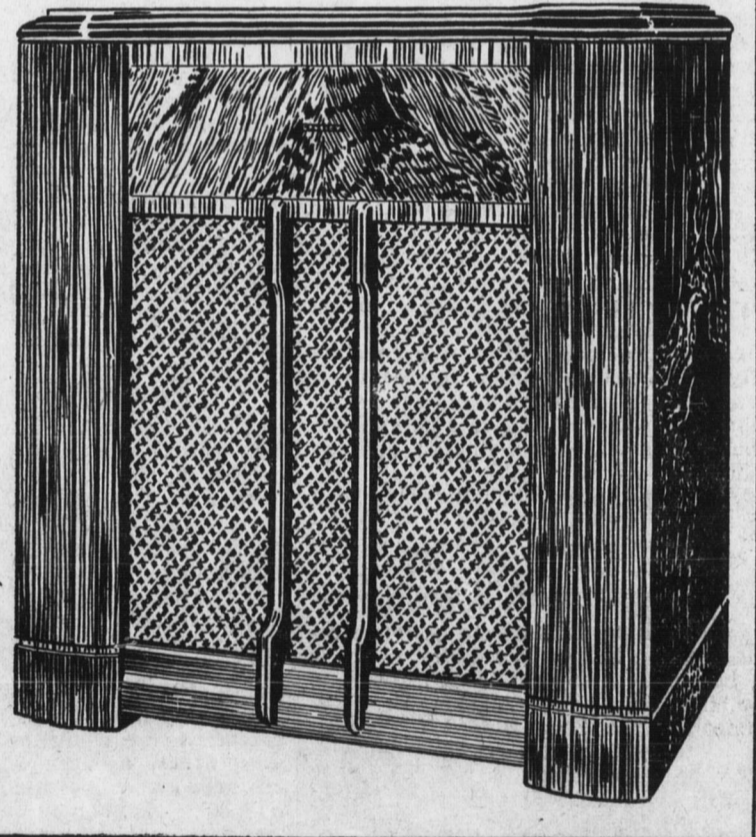
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