

THE GAB BAG

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WE'D NEVER BEEN IN SUCH A FIX!
Forgetting the customary Browning dignity for an hour or so to help out in the parade here last Friday afternoon as a part of the Elkin Fair horse show we got ourself into such a fix that for a while it appeared likely we'd have to spend the rest of our life going around equipped with a false bosom and a sofa pillow at the place where bustles once were worn.

Although we hesitate to discuss such delicate matters in public, we think it our duty to point out to the men of our nine readers what may happen in case any of them should ever be foolish enough to dress up like a woman and take part in a parade. Especially if they happen to be built like us and need large quantities of padding. For with our figure like it is, instead of having curves, we have angles.

In dressing for the woman's part, we were ably assisted by our wife and aunt. After the false parts were strapped and pinned into place, we were enveloped in a dress that our aunt considered the very latest style in 1920. This dress, not being an exact fit, was pinned in many places, especially at the rear, by hands other than ours.

All went well during the parade. But when that was over we went home to get out of the outfit, and that's where our trouble started. Whereas we had lots of help getting into the outfit, no one was at home to help us get out of it!

Have you ever tried to undo safety pins that were placed in the small of your back? You men, that is. Women are accustomed to such things. Have you ever had a sofa pillow pinned—and well-pinned—to you in a spot where bustles were once worn? If you have you know what we were up against.

We held up very well for the first 10 or 15 minutes, then began to weaken fast. Turn and twist

as we would to reach the pins holding the pillow, it would evade our grasp and switch out of reach. Every time we would get hold of one of the safety pins, it would be all tangled up in fabric making it impossible to undo.

After a while we had an inspiration. Going into the kitchen we turned on the big burner of the electric stove. Then we sat down upon it and melted the safety pins loose!

We had more trouble with the lipstick. The harder we washed and rubbed, the tighter the blooming stuff stuck. We rubbed it with cold cream, then vanishing cream, then milk cream, then cream of tomato, but no luck. Although our lips were stinging, the lipstick was glowing as red as ever. Then, desperate, we had an inspiration! Going down into the basement we found a can of varnish remover, and after applying three coats and using a wire brush and a putty knife, we got the blooming stuff off. Of course we'll never look the same, but maybe that will be better.

If the fair wants a clown next year they can look somewhere else.

COMES THE DRAFT

At this writing the emergency draft bill has not yet been given a final okay, but by the time this appears it will be a law of the land unless something unforeseen happens. And then we will have to go register.

War and threats of war have always seemed something for other people to worry about up to now. But this draft is bringing it close home. The draft bill covers everyone of the boys here at the office.

Of course with our knobby knees they will probably reject us. Or maybe they will dress us in a pair of shorts and figure we'd scare the enemy to death, there's no telling. Imagine the amazement it would cause in enemy ranks to see us come stalking toward them. They'd get to wondering what was holding us up, and this element of surprise would be their downfall.

Our dependents might keep us out. After all we have a wife, two children and the finance company to support. Of course it might be possible to make arrangements about our family, but we're afraid the finance company would put up an awful squawk if we went off to the army.

We don't want to alarm you, but we don't believe this nation would be spending billions for defense and drafting a huge army by conscription if it wasn't believed that sooner or later—and perhaps much sooner than any of us dream—we're going to have to fight Audacious Adolf.

Oh well, our ancestors had to fight to create and make this country what it is. And now if we have to fight we reckon it can be done, all right.

Do you have some little dependents in your home?

PLEASANT HILL

Saturday night and Sunday being the regular preaching time here, services were well attended. Rev. Richard Day, the pastor, brought inspiring messages for both services. Music was rendered by the choir.

The Sunday evening service was a most enjoyable one. Rev. Wooten and Rev. Turner, both of the New Hope community of Hamptonville, made interesting talks. The New Hope choir, Silver Tone Quartet, Young Ladies' Quartet, Rev. Wooten and family, all of Hamptonville, Pleasant Hill Choir, Singers of Yesterday Quartet (consisting of the eldest members of the church), and C. H. Day as soloist, rendered special music for the service.

Mr. Luther Day, who has been a patient in the Baptist hospital of Winston-Salem, for some time, returned to his home Friday. His condition is much improved, his many friends will be glad to know.

Mrs. Nannie Hinshaw, sister of Mr. Charlie Reavis, has returned from the Twin-City Hospital, of Winston-Salem. Her condition is critical, her friends will regret to know. She has been making her home with Mr. Reavis during her illness.

Rev. and Mrs. David Day attended the Reich reunion at Dobson Sunday.

Mrs. Rosa Byrd of West Virginia, is spending several days with her sister, Mrs. Ellen Gilliam.

Miss Ruth Ray had as her guest Sunday Miss Fannie Steele, of East Bend.

Miss Helen Couch, small daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Couch, had the misfortune of a broken arm, received from a fall. Miss Dicie Myers of Hamptonville, was the week-end guest of

Mr. and Mrs. Marcus Myers, the former her brother.

Mr. and Mrs. Odell Couch and Mr. Charlie Reavis motored to Statesville Friday. Mrs. Couch has been receiving treatment at the Davis hospital for some time. She was accompanied home Saturday by Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Darnell.

Mr. and Mrs. Monroe Collins and children, and Mrs. David Darnell were the Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Luke Darnell, of the Elkin Valley community.

The F. H. C. class will hold its regular monthly meeting Thursday night with Miss Pauline Rogers, at her home.

HAYES FAMILY TO MEET IN REUNION

Members of the family of the late Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Hayes will meet in reunion Sunday, September 22, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Webster Hayes, in North Elkin. The public is cordially invited to attend and bring a basket dinner for the picnic to be served at noon.

Children of Mr. and Mrs. Hayes are Webster Hayes and Mrs. Sarah Cooper of Elkin; Steve Hayes of Kernersville; John Hayes of Cycle; Dan Hayes of Thurmond; Mrs. Joshua Lyons of Lexington; Mrs. Jesse Lyons, Mrs. Theodore Key and Mrs. Woodrow Lewis of Boonville.

Out Through Roof

Cook: The new stove has gone out.
Master: Well, light it again.
Cook: But I can't, sir, it's gone through the roof.

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

Under and by virtue of the power of sale in a certain deed of trust bearing date of January 3rd, 1924, recorded in records of Deed of Trust of Surry County, North Carolina, in Book No. 88, at page 25, in which the undersigned has been duly substituted as trustee, default having been made in the payment in the note secured thereby, at the request of the holder of the said note, the undersigned substituted trustee will offer for sale to the highest bidder for cash at the Court House Door in Dobson, North Carolina, on the 10th day of October, 1940, at 1 o'clock P. M., the following described lands, to-wit:

BEGINNING at a rock on the west side of the Mt. Airy and Dobson road in White Plains, John Banner's corner, runs north 60 deg. west 11 chains to a rock, F. E. Marshall's corner, thence north 63 deg. west 6.20 chains to a stake, Marshall's corner, thence north 5 east 9.90 chains to a red oak, W. O. Bunker's corner, thence north 85 west 41.90 chains to a red oak, Herring's corner; thence south 5 deg. west 4 1-2 chains to a stake on road; thence west 4.60 chains to a rock, Creed's corner; thence south 5 deg. west 41.80 chains to a hickory, Hutchens' and Byerly's corner; thence south

85 deg. east 29 chains to a stake and pointers; thence north 2 chains to a stake; thence east 8.95 chains to a rock, Creed's corner; thence north 5 deg. east 14.05 chains to T. J. Badgett's corner; thence north 58 deg. west 1.18 chains to a cedar on the east side of spring branch, north 28 1-2 deg. west 5.03 chains, north 31 deg. west 1.60 chains, north 23 deg. west 2 1-2 chains, north 10 deg. west 3 1-2 chains to forks of branch, then north 75 1-2 deg. east 4.07 chains to mouth of water pipe, south 71 deg. east 4.53 chains with road south 89 1-2 deg. east 4.87 chains, south 66 deg. east 3 1-2 chains, thence south 80 1-2 deg. east 9.62 chains to a road, then south 61 deg. east 6.61 chains to the Dobson and Mount Airy road, thence with the road

north 11 deg. west 3 chains, thence north 13 deg. east 2 1-2 chains to the BEGINNING, containing 190 acres, more or less. This September 9th, 1940. GEORGE S. NICHOLS, Substituted Trustee.

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News — Admission 10c-30c

FRIDAY ONLY—

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Selected Shorts — Admission 10c-30c

SATURDAY—

LUCKY CISCO KID

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Next Week—
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News - Short — Admission 10c-30c

WEDNESDAY—

"Island of Doomed Men"

Serial - Short — Admission 10c-30c

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"BOOM TOWN"
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