

# THE GAB BAG



**ELKIN DEFENSE PROGRAM MOVING AHEAD**  
In line with national defense, the Elkin program of waterways protection is moving rapidly ahead with construction going full blast on a modern half-ton cruiser, the U. S. S. Dismal, in the shipyards of the Raymond Vestal Shipbuilding Corporation.

The owner of the shipbuilding company, Admiral Raymond Dismal Vestal, said yesterday that his new cruiser should be completed within the next few weeks, provided he finds it possible to finance the purchase of a pound and one-half of six penny nails and a couple of planks, size 8x13-16x10. These planks, Admiral Vestal said, are needed for sitting purposes due to the fact that one cannot expect one's crew to stand up all the time, can one?

tion to all modern inconveniences, will also be equipped with a half dozen pairs of waterwings just in case the crew needs them when the big boat is launched. Of course, in case it is found impossible to obtain the waterwings, the cruiser could be launched in shallow water and the crew outfitted with overshoes. "But," Admiral Vestal pointed out, "if it should sink I want it to sink in deep water so that, by making a few changes, we could transform it into a submarine."

Surging power will be built into the boat in form of a 10 horsepower super deluxe Chug Chug gasoline motor, which is expected to give the ship a top cruising range of 4 knots per hour. "It may be," said the admiral, "if these knots are not sufficient, we can take along a piece of rope and tie some extra knots in case of emergency."

As for armament, the U. S. S. Dismal will be equipped fore and aft with four 21-inch beanshooters. The rubber bands on these weapons will have a maximum stretch of 21 inches, it was said, and Admiral Vestal is planning to place orders for 10 pounds of pebbles immediately. Anyone with pebbles for sale is urged to take them to him at his downtown office, located just east of the Turner Drug Co. soda fountain.

When U. S. S. Dismal is completed, it should provide Elkin and Jonesville with maximum safety, the admiral said. He also let it be known that he is having diplomatic conversations with officials of Crutchfield and Ronda looking toward the acquisition of naval bases at each of these points. These bases, if secured, should offer ample protection against enemy fleet movements from North Wilkesboro or Rockford, it was said.

Although elated over the progress being made on the U. S. S. Dismal, Admiral Vestal stated that he is worried over one point. His shipyard is located in the basement of his home, and it is apparent that one side of the house will have to be torn down if the ship ever is moved into the open. "But what is the side of one's house compared to the protection of one's nation?" Admiral Vestal declared as he expanded his chest and popped two buttons off his coat.

It was learned later the buttons were about to fall off anyway.

## BURCH

Rev. C. M. Caudill closed a series of meetings at Union Cross Baptist church Sunday afternoon. Much interest was shown during the meeting.

Mr. and Mrs. Noah Greenwood, of North Wilkesboro, were the week-end guests here of Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Greenwood.

Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Hiatt announce the birth of a son, September 24, 1940.

Mr. and Mrs. Kermit Corder, of Friendship, spent the week-end here the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Gilmer Corder, the former their son.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Lines, of Roaring Gap, moved here last week. We are glad to welcome them among us.

Mrs. D. W. Sprinkle and son, Jimmy, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Roy Hampton and little daughter, Frances, of Arlington, spent Sunday at Dobson, the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Milton Sprinkle.

Mr. Jim Greenwood, of Winston-Salem, spent the week-end here the guest of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Edd Greenwood.

Mr. and Mrs. Grover Patton, of Pilot Mountain, moved here last week. We are glad to welcome them among us.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Sneed and daughter, Lydia Jane, and Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Flincham and daughter, Ruby, spent a short while Sunday afternoon at State Road, the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Folger Cockerham.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Greenwood announce the birth of a daughter, Bettie Jo, September 13, 1940.

Rev. L. B. Murray, of State Road, spent a short while here Sunday, the guests of Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Carter.

Mrs. Etta Williamson spent the week-end in Galax, Va., the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Grover Key, the latter her daughter.

Mr. and Mrs. Colon Barker, of Wilkes, were the Sunday guests here of Mr. and Mrs. J. I. Barker, the former their son.

## SPAGHETTI

Italy has ruled against new spaghetti factories or enlargement of present plants since "the present output is far greater than the raw materials now available and the needs of consumers."

A small bell for the cathedral of Sante Domingo was made of the first copper mined in the world in 1493.

## MOUNTAIN PARK

Rev. Eli Jordan will fill his regular appointment at Mountain Park Baptist church next Sunday at 11 o'clock. The public has a cordial invitation to attend.

Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Johnson had as their guests last Sunday Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Watson and Mr. and Mrs. Walter Johnson and little daughter, Jonnie, of Ararat.

Those from here attending the fifth Sunday singing at Poplar Springs were Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Swift and Mr. and Mrs. Free Calloway and family, and Miss Stacey Swift.

Mr. Claud Harris attended the Surry Baptist Association, held at China Grove last Thursday and Friday.

Mr. Henry Tuell of Hemphill, West Virginia, spent the week-end with relatives here.

Miss Lillian Swift and Miss Thelma Cockerham spent last Sunday at Roaring Gap.

Mr. and Mrs. Walker Luffman and family of Pleasant Ridge, visited relatives here last week.

## INCREASING

The demand for farm products by consumers has been increasing in recent months as general business conditions and purchasing power have picked up, reports the U. S. Bureau of Agricultural Economics.

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NOTE: Due to An Error, Movies Listed Below for Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Next Wednesday, Were Advertised Last Week. This Ad. Is Correct.

## TODAY ONLY—(THURSDAY)—

Paramount presents  
**DOUGLAS FAIRBANKS, Jr.**  
**MADELINE CARROLL**  
in  
**THE SHEPHERD**  
with  
Tullio Carminati - Muriel Angelus  
Lynne Overman - Billy Gilbert  
Directed by EDWARD H. GRIFFITH  
Screen Play by Dolores Davis - Based on a Story by Paul Harvey Fox - A Paramount Picture

News — Admission 10c-30c

## FRIDAY ONLY—

Adolph Zukor presents  
**SYLVIA SIDNEY**  
**FRED MacMURRAY**  
**HENRY FONDA**  
in  
**"THE TRAIL OF THE LONESOME PINE"**

Shorts — Admission 10c-30c

**COMING!**  
October 10-11—"Maryland"  
October 14-15—"Judge Hardy Meets A Deputy"  
October 17-18—"Return of Frank James"

## SATURDAY—

**MEN IN PERIL...!**  
**Richard Arlen** **Andy Devine**  
in  
**BLACK DIAMONDS**  
with  
KATHRYN ADAMS - MARY TREEN - PAUL FIX  
Directed by CHRISTY CABANNE - Associate Producer: BEN PIVAR  
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Serial - Selected Shorts — Admission 10c-30c

## Next Week— MONDAY-TUESDAY—

Twentieth Century-Fox presents with pride one of the truly great pictures of our era!

**FOUR SONS**  
with  
Don Ameche - Leonidovich  
Mary Beth Hughes - Alan Curtis  
George Ernest - Robert Lowery  
Lionel Royce - Sig Rumann  
Produced by Derris F. Zanuck  
Associate Producer: Harry Joe Brown  
Directed by Archie Mayo  
Original Screen Play by John Howard Lawson  
Supported by a Story by L.L.B. Wylie  
Additional Dialogue by Milton Sperling  
A 20th Century-Fox Picture

News - Short — Admission 10c-30c

**WEDNESDAY—**  
**BOB BURNS - MISCHA AUER**  
—in—  
**"ALIAS THE DEACON"**  
Serial - Shorts — Admission 10c-15c

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