

THE GAB BAG

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DO YOU BELIEVE IN GHOSTS?

It's hard to get anyone to admit they believe in ghosts, but let someone start telling a good ghostly story and you see if cold shivers don't go galloping up and down all the spines present.

As the bunch here at the office was mailing The Tribune late last Wednesday night the conversation happened to get on the subject of ghosts, and of all the various and assorted ghost stories you ever heard, we had them all.

Especially interesting was the one about the motorist who en route from Charlotte to High Point one dismal, rainy night,

was flagged by a young lady at a railroad underpass on the highway. The gentleman stopped, and the young lady asked that she be carried to her home some miles farther on.

It was said that when the motorist had gotten within a short distance of the home, the young lady asked him to let her out, despite the fact that it was raining in torrents. He did so.

Driving on, the motorist began thinking that there was something queer about the action of the young woman, and decided to stop at the house which she had described as her home, and report the fact that he had left her, standing by the highway in the rain. But when he told his story

to the lady who answered the door, she said:

"You are one of several who have stopped here and told us about our daughter. You see, she was killed two years ago in an accident at the underpass where you picked her up."

This story was repeated as having all the earmarks of truth. Fact is, it appeared in the Charlotte Observer some time ago. And the young man who related it to us said that the man who had picked the young woman up, was a friend of his father's, and had told the story himself, swearing it to be the truth.

Maybe there are no ghosts. We have never seen one, and until we get to the place we can run a mile in one minute flat, we hope we never do. But you must admit, much happens of an eerie nature that cannot be explained.

There was a haunted house down in our home town that people vowed and declared was thickly populated with ghosts. In one of the rooms it was said the master had died; that his room remained untouched after the body was removed for burial, and had remained thus through the years. We used to go by on the other side of the street when we had to pass that way at night. Yet other than for the hooting of an occasional owl, we never chanced upon any ghosts there.

Another tale which was told Wednesday night had been heard on the radio the night before on the "We the People Speak" program. In this story two men and a woman went into a haunted house to make a scientific investigation of queer goings on that had been reported. And ended up by one of them getting punched in the stomach by an invisible fist, while the woman was shoved backward down the stairs. If ghosts did that they were certainly not very polite.

Personally, if we ever chance into any ghosts—and it will be by chance, not design—we hope they will prove to be kind and considerate. For the chances are that we would hurt ourselves without having to be punched in the stomach or pushed down stairs.

It has been reported to us by members of our family old enough to remember, that one of our ancestors had a pet ghost, which he kept in a closet when not using. But that's the way our ancestors were. Instead of trying to get rid of the family ghost, or skeleton, he kept his as a pet. Tsk, tsk. And he even made money out of him by renting him out to the neighbors.

Insofar as the records show, the pet ghost was so heart broken when our ancestor died that nothing would do until our ancestor came back and haunted him. Then both were happy. And so the story came to a happy ending with each ghost haunting the other, working in shifts.

Ah, but those must have been the days!

Boo!

PLEASANT HILL

Saturday night and Sunday was the regular preaching time. The church officers who were re-elected for another year were: Rev. D. W. Day, pastor; Miss Vermelle Money, clerk, and E. F. Yarboro, treasurer. There will be preaching every first and third Sunday at 11 o'clock and every Sunday night, also Sunday school at 9:45 o'clock each Sunday morning. The public is cordially invited to attend each of these services.

More than 700 people witnessed the first baptismal service in the new church Sunday night. Twenty-three were baptized and three joined the church by letter. The baptistry being lighted with indirect lights and the use of day-light bulbs, a beautiful light effect was created when all auditorium lights had been turned out. This marked a beautiful scene as the pastor administered the ordinance of baptism to the 23 candidates.

Mr. and Mrs. Everette Darnell had as their Sunday dinner guests Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Woodruff, Henry Woodruff, Mrs. Carl Newman and Ann Newman.

Mr. and Mrs. John Childress and family, of Reidsville, spent the week-end with his sister and daughter, Mrs. Zora Couch and Mrs. Brannon Day.

Mr. and Mrs. Conrad Holcomb and children, of Mooresville, were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Denver Holcomb Saturday and Sunday.

Mrs. Dallas Gilliam and Mrs. Monroe Collins are on the sick list this week, we are sorry to report.

Mrs. Etta Johnson and children, of Mooresville, were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Dallas Carter Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Kermit Darnell

and small daughter, of the Cool Springs community, were the week-end guests of Mr. and Mrs. Russell Casey.

POPLAR SPRING

Mr. and Mrs. Huston Mooney and little daughter, of High Point, spent the week-end visiting Mr. and Mrs. S. B. Mooney. Mrs. W. H. Hayes had as her guests over the week-end Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Hayes and children, of Greenville, S. C.; Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Hayes and daughter, of Big Stone Gap, Va.; Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Cass and son, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Hayes and daughter, of Elkin, R. F. D.

Mr. Johnnie Caudill, who spent the summer here, has returned to his home in Virginia.

Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Guyer had as their guests Sunday Mr. and Mrs. Bynum Golden and little son, of Mountain Park, and Mr. and Mrs. Bohnson Cockerham and sons, of State Road.

Mr. and Mrs. K. L. Raye and children spent Sunday in Winston-Salem visiting the former's brother, Mr. Willie Raye, and Mrs. Raye.

Rev. and Mrs. E. G. Jordan, of Elkin, were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Guyer Friday afternoon.

EAST ELKIN

Rev. J. L. Powers filled his regular appointment at East Elkin Baptist church here Sunday. His text was "Christ For Sale." From this text he preached a great soul stirring sermon to a large congregation.

The Loyal Workers' team met Tuesday night at the home of Doyle Newman, on Chatham street. Rev. Flincham presided over the meeting. Howard Hinson read the scripture and prayer was by Robert Lee Daye. Ray Freeman repeated seven sayings of Christ on the cross. Charlie Hinson told a Bible story. Mr. G. W. Creed and Mrs. Nina Smoot made short talks. Rev. J. L. Powers was a guest speaker, and made a great talk to our boys on "A Friend Passing By." Refreshments were served by Mrs. Newman.

Rev. Claude E. Flincham preached at Elkin Valley Baptist church Sunday night at 7:30 P. M., to a large congregation. His text was "In the Name of Christ Arise Up."

Friends of Miss Swannie Burcham will regret to learn that she

is a patient at Hugh Chatham Memorial hospital. However her condition is greatly improved.

Mr. Ather Newman motored to Orange, Va., Friday, on business.

Unfinished Job

"Come, all ye come and be baptized," cried the colored Baptist evangelist.

"But Ah done been baptized by the Presbyterians," said Rastus. "Lo'd," cried the Baptist minister, "ye' only been dry cleaned."

Anyone with chicken houses to cover, will please see Charlie Couch, Mule Room. He guarantees his work.

NOTICE OF SALE OF LAND

Under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in a certain deed of trust, dated July 5, 1937 executed by Elmer Bowles to the undersigned trustee, recorded in Book 137 at page 251 to secure certain notes, default having been made in the payment of the said notes, at the request of the holder of same, the said Trustee will offer for sale to the highest bidder for cash at the Court House door of Surry County at Dobson, N. C., on the 10th day of Dec. 1940 at 1:00 o'clock p. m., the following described lands:

Lying and being in Marsh Township, Surry County, consisting of 3 tracts, the first tract containing 6 acres, the second tract containing 6 acres and the third tract 25 acres more or less, being known as the S. L. Norman old home place and being fully described in deed from J. J. Richards to the said S. L. Norman, recorded in Book 74 at page 425, adjoining the land of Cotis Bates, Millard Sprinkle and others.

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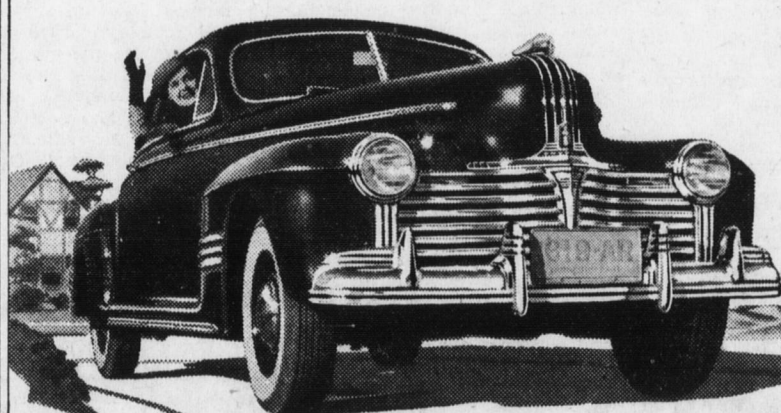
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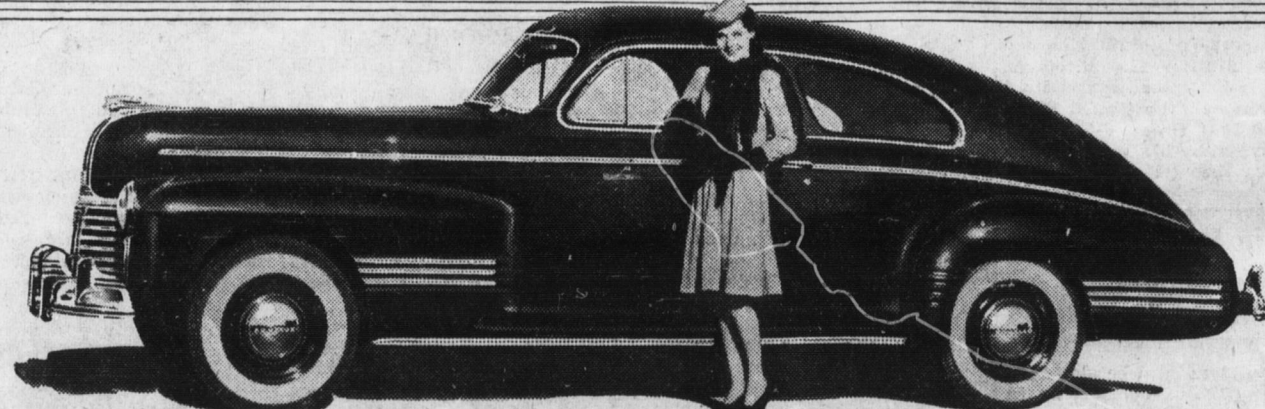
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