



THE GAB BAG
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THERE GOES CHRISTMAS—AND HERE IT IS AGAIN! To folks engaged in newspaper work, and in keeping store, Christmas comes awful fast. For such folks have to figure a long time ahead, and while you may be thinking of Christmas as being away off in the future, they are up to their necks in it.

Thus, for us, Christmas has been here several weeks at this writing, or from the time our newspaper advertising service arrived in October for the month of November. It was full of Santa Clauses and holly wreaths and things, and so from then on, as far as we are concerned, it has been Christmas.

And this edition, as far as you are concerned, is what has been concerning us here at the office for some time. After several weeks of Christmas advertising, you can take the picture of Santa Claus and chase any member of the force all over town. For as much as all of us love the old gentleman, living and eating and sleeping with him for a matter of weeks, figuratively speaking, sort of takes the edge off.

And then, hardly before one Christmas edition is gone another

looms upon the horizon. How time flies!

GHOST STORIES
Two or three of our nine able bodied readers have commented upon the comment we had here last week concerning ghosts. Some had heard of the lady who went hitch-hiking on rainy nights from the scene of her death. Others mentioned ghost stories that they had heard about, like the chair in the haunted house at Randleman which always starts rocking at midnight, just because some old lady was murdered in it at the witching hour.

How about your pet ghost story? We would like to print it here if you'd be kind enough to write in and give us the facts. We rather like ghost stories and so do other folks. The last one to send us their pet ghost story is a rotten egg!

SPEEDING AND SPEEDING
We are not one to belittle the activity of the Junior Department of the Elkin Woman's club in their sponsoring of Safety Week here last week, but we know and they know (and unfortunately none of seem to be able to do anything about it), that the only effective curb to speeding and reckless driving will be unremitting vigilance on the part of police in arresting those who are guilty of it.

Corbett Wall has arrested quite a number of speeders, but one man can't cope with the situation here. The state highway patrol could be especially useful in aiding, too, but thus far has not concerned itself with this local problem.

And all we can do is talk, which we do too much of, some folks say.

THIS AND THAT
Several people have remarked, since seeing construction started on Marion Allen's new building: "Well, I see Marion got his loan."

We've been running quite a number of pictures of farmers in the free ticket series which appears each week in The Tribune. And it's a pleasure, because the farmers seem to appreciate the tickets, while there are many other folks who just take it as a matter of course.

But farmers are like that. Without meaning any disrespect, farmers as a rule are not like folks who live in town. Whenever a farmer invites you out to dinner you can bet your boots that he means it. But town folks, when they ask you to stay for dinner, are just trying to be polite and hoping that you won't take them up on it.

When we were a kid many, many long years ago, we used to go out into the country on Sunday with the Methodist preacher and his two boys. The preacher went to hold services at his charge and we went along because we knew we would all get invited out to dinner at the home of some farmer-member of the church. And we still remember that one gets far more to eat when one is invited to a farm home than when one is invited to a town or city home.

Farmers are good folks.

PLEASANT HILL

The Sunday night service was well attended. The pastor brought a very inspiring message from the subject "Straight Ahead," using Exodus 14:15 as a text.

A stewardship school is now in progress at our church. Classes are being taught both morning and evening by the pastor.

The public is cordially invited to attend the services next Sunday and Sunday night. The pastor will use for his subject "The Flagship of the Fleet," at the 11 o'clock service.

The evening service will be held in honor of the three charter members who are now living. They are Mrs. J. E. Darnell, Mrs. G. F. Couch and Mrs. A. G. Shore. Gifts will be presented to them at this service.

Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Day and son, John R., were the dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Dallas Carter Sunday.

Rev. D. W. Day and Mr. Clyde Couch visited the Mills Home Orphanage in Thomasville Monday.

Frankie Transou, small son of Mr. and Mrs. Russell Transou, had the misfortune to break an arm in a fall.

Mrs. Luther Day and Mr. E. S. Couch are recovering from a week's illness.

We are glad to welcome Mrs. Etta Settle to our community. She is sharing an apartment with Mr. and Mrs. Welborn Settle.

We also welcome Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Newman and family, and his mother, Mrs. Della Newman, from Siloam, to our community. Mr. Newman and Mrs. Della Newman are the brother and mother of Mr. Claude Newman.

Mr. and Mrs. Bryce Teague have recently moved into their

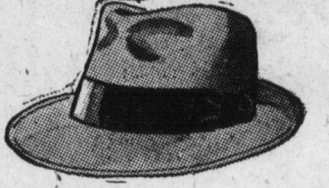
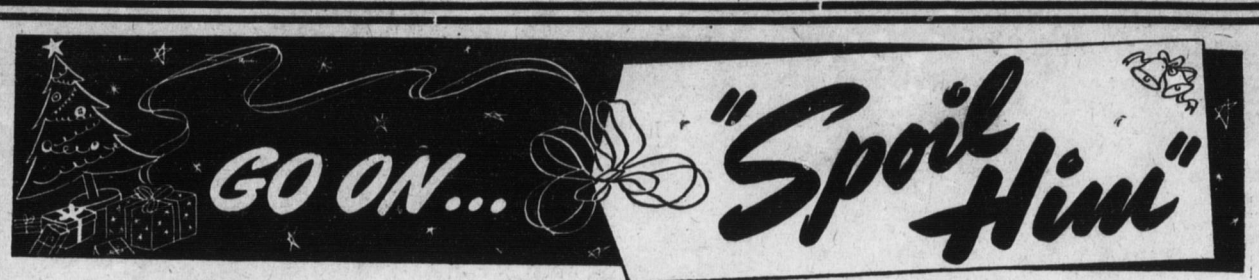
new home which is located near the church.

His pet homing pigeon followed a West Virginia boy 105 miles to a hospital.

GOOD TASTE
"Do you know, George admires everything about me. My eyes, my hair, my fingers, my—"
"And what do you admire about him?"
"Why, his taste."

STAMPS
More than 2,000,000 members of public assistance families received surplus food products thru the Food Stamp Plan in September, says the Surplus Marketing Administration.

URBANIZED
The Extension Service, says Bernard DeVoto in November Harper's, has played an important part in bridging the gap between city and country in the past twenty years.



KNOX HATS
A new Knox hat will prove a thoughtful gift—one he will appreciate.

\$5.00



INTERWOVEN SOCKS
He will expect plenty of socks. Two price groups in Interwoven. Gift boxes.

2 Pairs \$1.00
3 Pairs \$1.00

BILL FOLDS
\$1.00 to \$3.50

USE OUR LAY-AWAY PLAN
Small Deposit Reserves Your Selection Until Christmas!



He'll Appreciate **TIES**

If You Buy Them Here We have the most complete line of ties in town. Botany, Cheney and Wembley in a wide variety of styles.

\$1.00

FREE GIFT BOXES
For Our Customers

By Selecting His Gifts From **The Men's Shop** IT WILL BE HIS IDEA OF A REAL CHRISTMAS!

How many times are there during the year when you'd like to let him know how swell you think he is—but just don't do anything about it? Well—now it's Christmas and now's your chance to make him happy, and perhaps spoil him a little bit, too. Just select his Christmas gifts of quality from our large stock of things men want and wear. He will like it if it comes from The Men's Shop. Chances are he buys for himself here.

Give Him a New **OVERCOAT**

If you really want to please him lots, select a new overcoat from our large stock. All the new styles, fabrics and colors.

\$16.50 to \$24.75



SHIRTS

Several Manhattan shirts will be right down his alley! Whites, solid colors and patterns. You get his size, we'll do the rest.

\$2.00 and \$2.50



LEATHER JACKETS

Wide variety of leather jackets in styles he will like. Strongly made of best quality leather and luxuriously lined. Zipper front. A gift that will last for years.

\$7.50 UP

HICKOK BELTS AND JEWELRY

Hickok Belts \$1.00 Up
Hickok Jewelry 50c & \$1



PAJAMAS
Manhattan pajamas that men like. Cut right, styled right. Select his today.

\$2.00 UP



GLOVES
Wide variety in fine leather gloves. A thoughtful, useful gift.

\$1.50 UP



SCARFS
Many patterns and materials in luxurious scarfs. Choice of colors.

\$2.00 and \$2.50

Elkin's **ELK** Superior Sound
Newest **THEATRE**

Special: Thurs.-Fri., Matinee and Night—
"SCATTERBRAIN"
With Judy Canova - Alan Mowbray

Latest News Events - "Swing Music" — Adm. 10c-30c

Saturday, Matinee and Night—
KEN MAYNARD

—in—
"LIGHTNING STRIKES WEST"

Serial - Kennedy Comedy - Disney Cartoon — Adm. 10c-30c

Monday-Tuesday, Matinee and Night—

The Thrill Spectacle OF THE YEAR

Walter Wanger presents
ALFRED HITCHCOCK'S
Production of
FOREIGN CORRESPONDENT
from ALFRED HITCHCOCK
who directed "Rebecca"
STARRING
JOEL McCREA
with LARAINÉ DAY - HERBERT MARSHALL - GEORGE SANDERS
ALBERT BASSERMAN - ROBERT BENCHLEY
Released thru United Artists

Latest News Event — Admission 10c-30c

Wednesday, Matinee and Night—
JOHN WAYNE

—in—
"MAN FROM UTAH"

Last Chapter "Drums of Fu Manchu" — Admission 10c-15c

COMING THREE BIG DAYS
MON. - TUES. - WED., DEC. 9-10-11

LUM AND ABNER'S
"DREAMING OUT LOUD"

The Men's Shop

Herman Guyer — Gift Headquarters For Men — Barrett Lankford