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WEE WILLIE WINKLE RUNS THROUGH THE TOWN, CALLING TO THE CHILDREN, AS THE SUN GOES DOWN: "DON'T FORGET TO BRUSH YOUR TEETH! AND SEE YOUR PRAYERS ARE SAID! AND DRINK A GLASS OF **PINE STATE MILK** BEFORE YOU GO TO BED."

Earpsboro Scribblin's

For months and weeks now the over-joyed-at-expecting - couples in this community — around a dozen of them altogether — have been selecting names.

In fond hope, junior, by far, heads the list. But grandma and grandpop's names have been batted around. So have the current theater favorites. Considered, too, have been sainted maiden aunt's names, and that of a benign old

batchelor uncle's, with the conscious or subconscious thought on the part of the expectant parents that by attaching uncle's monicker the off-spring will be left a cool inheritance.

In light of this I happened to be reading the current issue of the Virginia Health Department Bulletin, which devoted a discussion to birth certificates. This bulletin also mentions some unusual names on record in the Bureau of Vital Statistics.

For example, there are Cranberry Turkey, Celestial Delight, Arie Zona, Fird Nan, Rollen Stone, Gather Pickle, Early Arrival and Alpha Omega.

Still checking, I found a list compiled by the Alabama of Vital Statistics some years ago. In this state they have folks answering to such handles as Strawberry Commode, Coming Hard Times Smith, Piece O' Cake Johnson, Laxative Jones and Semi-Colon Divinity Duke.

Now let us come to our very own state. A University of North Carolina professor did some research and came up with some Tar Heels sporting such monickers as these: I Shall Rise and Go To My Father Smith, and Seven Times Shalt Thou Walk Around Jericho Brown. Brown was called Thou for short.

This same professor also found Nary Red, Lightning Twice, No Dice, Sunday The Ninth and Lucy Never Seen Joe Smith. Twins were discovered that bore the names of Gasoline and Kerosene.

Even the old Biblical prophet had one called Not Mine.

I don't know whether the owners of the above names are happy with them or not, but I'll bet that they wish that Maw and Paw had used some good sense and judgment. Surveys have shown that more than a third of all the people wish they were called something else other than what appears on their birth certificates.

But, like it or not, most of us are stuck with the names we have. Oh, yes, a few folks can go to court and get unshackled from the tags they can't stand, but most of us just bear the burden with a reasonable air of cheerfulness, like the person of North Carolinian parents, who in order to salvage part of the name when expectations as to sex proved wrong, saddled the newcomer with Rosa Bell Ain't No She.

So here's hoping when you decide upon a selection you will use some good judgment. Just remember Shakespeare said: "Good name in man and woman, dear my lord, Is the immediate jewel of their souls."

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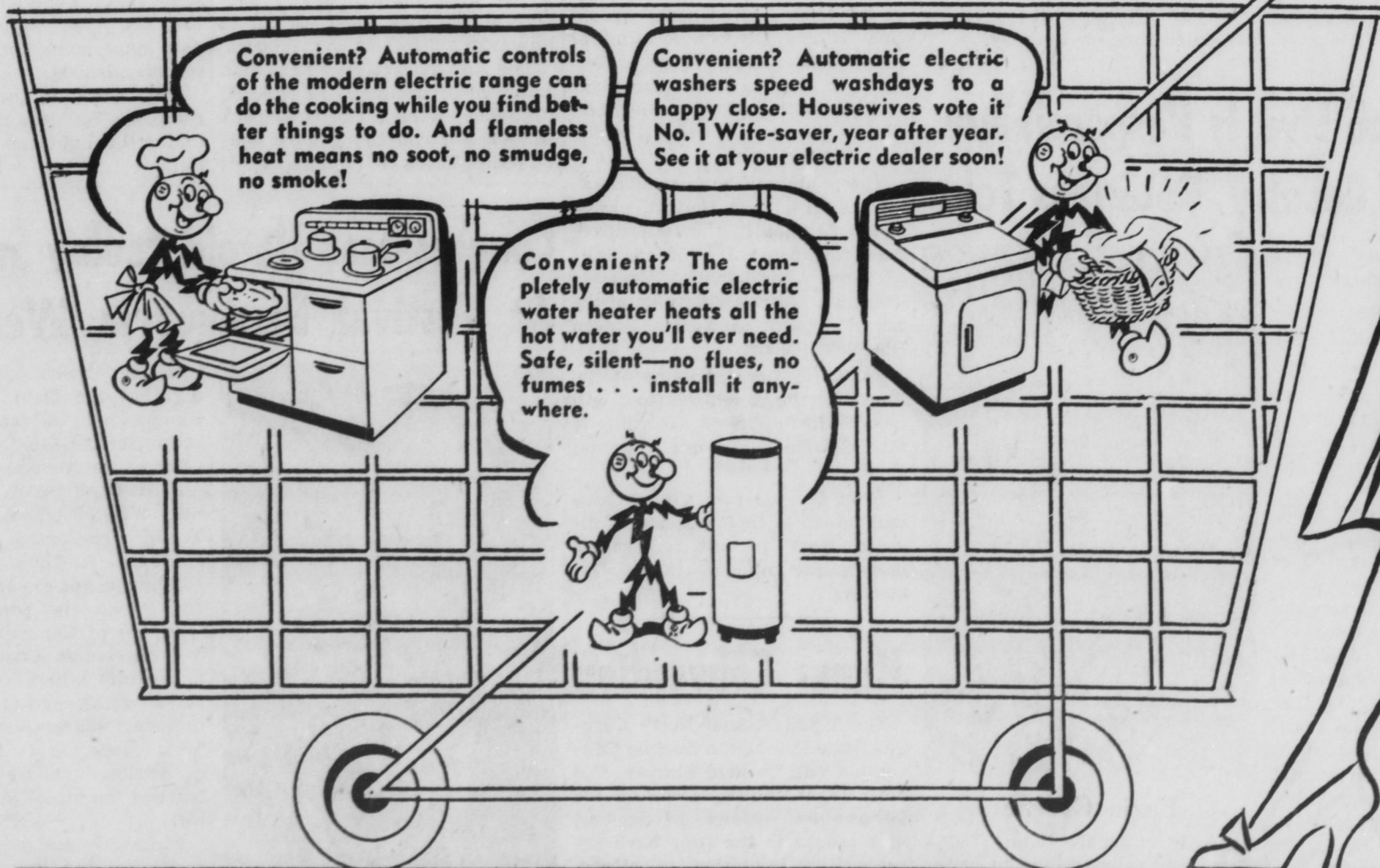
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