

# THE GAB BAG

(By Alan Browning, Jr.)

## HELP AT LAST

Elkin, Jan 4.—(United Pest)—A quick and peaceful settlement of the Sino-Japanese affair is expected momentarily with the appointment of Eugene S. Spainhour to the town board of commissioners. Mr. Spainhour is planning to take drastic steps, although it is not known in what direction.

"I have been reliably informed," the great man told a representative of the United Pest today, "that the Japs are massing a great force at Peepye, south of the Whoosoofoor river. Whether for the purpose of bombarding the city or for taking a bath, has not yet been learned. However, the outlook is critical."

## SICK HEADACHE From Constipation

HERE is a purely vegetable medicine which has benefited thousands of men, women and children, and which you should try when troubled with constipation, indigestion, or biliousness. Mr. H. H. Rogillo, of Lake Charles, La., writes: "When I let myself get constipated, I feel dull and sluggish and all out of sorts, not equal to my work. When one has this feeling it is time to take something before he feels worse. I certainly have found Black-Draught very sick headaches and suffer a great deal. I found this came from constipation, and that Black-Draught would correct it. That is why I began using THEDFORD'S."

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"It is my plan (and I prefer to be quoted in headlines), to have this army equipped with Java soap in case they are really contemplating a bath. In that case the soap will take all the skin off and leave them unfit for further fighting."

"Now at Whangwhi the situation is more desperate. I have been reliably informed that the Japs have been attacking the city with bean shooters. This dastardly action must be nipped in the bud! How to do it? Easy. Soak their ammunition in water! Then the beans will flutter harmlessly to the earth, take root, then the Chinese will harvest a great crop of beans."

"Another situation that has been called to my attention and which I am keeping an eye on, is the earthquake that recently shook Cuba. However, I find it impossible to give much assistance in that direction until the Jap affair is over." At this point the rising young politician regretfully tore himself away to go wait upon a young lady who wished to purchase a 39 cent pair of hose.

## IDLE RAMBLINGS

The local drug stores missed a good opportunity for free advertising when they failed to attach a sign below the notice which appeared upon the door of the Elkin National Bank at the time of closing. The ad should have read: "For smelling salts go to Blah Drug Company." Every person in Elkin read the notice, and a majority of them needed smelling salts.

Once upon a time the local merchants signed an agreement to park their cars on back streets, thus leaving Main street clear for shoppers.

Once upon a time it was announced that all persons double parking on Main street would be arrested.

Horse feathers!

**LOOKING DOWN MAIN STREET**  
E. F. McNeer standing in front of the Elkin National Bank building telling several bystanders that good times are just around the corner. . . W. J. Snow headed for the howling alley. . . Paul Reich, bare-headed, headed nowhere in particular. . . E. W. McDaniel wondering whether or not to put on a fire sale now that Ray & Gilliam has burned. . . Commissioner Spainhour walking with bowed head as the burden of city government rests heavily. . . Local cake-eaters putting in a hard day of loafing around local drug stores and giving all the girls a treat, provided the girls have a

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nickel. . . Member of the Unity club trying to borrow a dictionary in which to look up the word "unity". . . Duck Burcham leaning against the door facing of his store wondering when to put on another rubber sale. . . Julius Hall, crossing the street in front of his store humming "Star Brand Shoes Are Better."

## THIS AND THAT

The local fire department, in throwing great quantities of water into the Ray & Gilliam store last week, was evidently of the opinion that a wet suit of clothes is not as liable to burn as a dry suit. And Mr. Ray and Mr. Gilliam, if perchance they should decide to hold a sale, shouldn't call it "Fire Sale." "Water Sale" would be far more appropriate.

Simpson reliably reports that an investigation of the contents of the store immediately after the flood disclosed but one dry article—and that was a rain coat.

It might also be remarked in passing that the local fire fighters overlooked one section of the plate glass front. It is not even cracked.

Both the Ray & Gilliam fire and the fire the following night in the home of Wade Shugart were both of unknown origin. Simpson said it was probably that rat.

Although democratic politically, Oswald H. Gumbert says he detests the slogan: "He Haw, We're Coming Back." Having a jackass as a party emblem is insinuation enough, he says.

## McDANIEL TO CLOSE OUT BUSINESS HERE

Is Beginning Sale Which Will Last Until Entire Stock Has Been Disposed Of

McDaniel's, Incorporated, one of Elkin's leading department stores, located on Main street here, is this week beginning a mammoth "going out of business" sale, in which the entire stock is to be sold at greatly reduced prices.

E. F. McDaniel, owner of the business, states that economic conditions are responsible for his decision to quit business.

The sale, which is to run until the entire stock is disposed of, is to feature prices that will move the goods regardless of loss. "We intend to sell down to the bare walls," Mr. McDaniel stated.

A double-page ad, to be found elsewhere in this issue, gives an idea of the savings which are being offered.

## LOOKING BACKWARD 12 YEARS

Interesting items from Tribune files of 12 years ago this week.

Attorney E. C. James spent the early part of last week in Durham on professional business.

Mr. J. R. Poindexter, after having been confined to his room for the past two weeks with a severe case of the mumps, is back at his place of business again, his many friends will be glad to learn.

Of the 250,000 orphan children without food and clothing in the Near East, Surry county has been assigned 56 to feed and clothe during the year at \$60 each, making a total of \$3,360 for our people to contribute.

Dobson, Feb. 2.—Special.—The regular February term of superior court for Surry county opened here this morning and adjourned afterward in compliance with a ruling by the county board of health. This action was taken in an effort to prevent the spread of Spanish influenza which is epidemic in Elkin and Mt. Airy.

Mr. G. G. Mitchell, of Charlotte, has purchased the Amuzu theatre. He has closed the business for a few weeks pending a considerable amount of repair which he expects to have done to the building for the better accommodation of its patrons.

The county commissioners met in Dobson today in regular session. Nothing out of the regular routine was done. The county highway commission met with quite a number of citizens and discussed plans for laying out highways in various parts of the county. Convict labor has been arranged for and work in earnest is expected to begin at once.

**Bank Head Sentenced**  
R. S. Travis, president of the defunct Weldon Bank & Trust company, Weldon, was on February 4 sentenced to four months in jail for keeping his bank open when he knew it to be insolvent. He did not resist the charge made against him.

Peddlers will soon learn to give Elkin a wide berth if the ladies here will teach them there is no use to knock on the door.

## Bethel News

Ronda, route 2, Feb. 8.—We read in the news items from different places of the fine Sunday schools and splendid attendance, and we bid them Godspeed in this great work. What an opportunity to go to the house dedicated to our Master, to worship every Sabbath morning!

Our attendance is not so large but we have a good Sunday school of which we are thankful.

We also have a good singing choir. The leader is always ready and glad to go with the singers at any time and place; but we did not go to Pleasant Grove last fifth Sunday owing to the misunderstanding. It was thought that another singing would not be held until the fifth Sunday in May, but we learn they had a fine singing. We only regret we were not there with them. The singing for May will be held at this same church and we hope lots of singers will be present. Everyone will have a hearty welcome.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Johnson of Greensboro, visited their sister, Mrs. S. C. Pardue and Mr. Pardue a few days last week.

Mrs. Joe Mathis, who has been seriously ill at the Wilkes Hospital for the past two weeks, is able to return to her home, we are glad to note.

Mrs. Thomas Myers of Elkin, spent a part of last week near here

with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Myers, while Mr. Myers was away at northern cities in the interest of Ray & Gilliam's store.

Mr. Lytle McBride came up from Greensboro last Saturday to visit his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John McBride.

The neighbors of Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Triplett enjoyed some fine string music at their home last Wednesday evening, given by Messrs. J. C. Gilliam, Hubert Wolf and Ralph Triplett, of Jonesville.

## "Frankenstein" Delayed Until Saturday, Feb. 20

The motion picture "Frankenstein," originally advertised to appear at the Lyric theatre Saturday, will not show here until the following Saturday, February 20, it was announced today by the theatre management. Due to the fact that there was an error in the booking, the picture will not be available until the later date, it was explained.

Somebody is asking the information column for a definition of "the happy mean." The happy mean nowadays, we guess, are those who saved something when they had it. —Boston Herald.

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