

THE GAB BAG

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ECONOMY

Now that the city papas have gone on an expense cutting spree, wonder why they don't charge everyone in town who double parks on Main street, a nickel? That ought to raise enough money to meet all expenses and put a cover on the new bridge.

Then too, it might be a good idea to put a tax on local gossip.

Simpson says there is no need to cut salaries and things. "If all these folks who can't pay their taxes would take half the money they spend for dopes and pool and turn it in to the city treasurer, instead of a deficit we'd have a surplus by the end of the year."

CALAMITY IS HOME

Calamity, stolen some several months ago in all the trimness of new tires, new paint and new bearings, is home again—and looking like the prodigal son.

Gone is the beautiful lustre of a dollar and a half's worth of pea-green paint. Mud spattered and worn, all that remains of her former pride is her disposition—for when we cranked her she kicked!

Whoever stole her was a white man who took to the bushes one day when he happened to meet a Virginia patrolman. The patrolman, positive that he had on a load of liquor, investigated, found none, and then reached the conclusion that Calamity had been stolen.

The thief who took it made his getaway in such a hurry that he left his sweater on the seat. It's there now, but it has so many holes in it, that we can't wear it, alas.

But it's good to see her back again, even though we've sold her. We have a tender spot in our heart for that flivver despite the many times one of the wheels has run off, the motor dropped out, or what not. And if the new owner isn't good to her, we'll have him arrested for cruelty.

IN OUR TOWN

Now that the election is over for the time being, French Graham can give his full attention to the five and ten cent business. . . . Buck Freeman is not wearing that cute little Maxwell badge anymore. . . . It looks like Maxwell "also ran" . . . Oh, well, Ehringhaus is the best looking anyway. . . . They say flying school

plans here are coming along okay. . . . Now that Doc Abernethy is a commissioner he'll probably pass a new ordinance closing all other drug stores, or something. . . . Mayor Royall offered to take another cut in salary but had his offer refused. One refusal that didn't hurt, we bet. . . . This salary cutting business for town and county officials appears rather late to a lot of us. We had ours months and months ago.

COMMENDABLE

Gene Spainhour, Abe Harris and Charlie Wolfe were gathered in the office of the Spainhour store Tuesday morning discussing ways and means of cutting down governmental expense in the nation and they were as earnest and sincere about it as if their suggestions were actually worth something.

Mr. Spainhour, after several minutes of reading aloud from a bulletin which detailed expenses of government, declared himself in favor of abolishing the government department for study of the family life of the earwig, while Charlie Wolfe stated he didn't believe the department of cockroach research worth anything to the tax payers.

Mr. Wolfe, in discussing the present economical stew, sagely remarked that during the entire depression, Jonesville has not had a bank failure.

Abe Harris didn't have much to say, which, in our estimation, was the most sensible thing he could have done.

However, after listening to the conversation for a few minutes, we were firmly convinced that all three of the gentlemen were to be commended on taking at least enough interest in their government to discuss it. That's more interest than lots of our citizens show—even if it doesn't amount to a row of Mr. Spainhour's best five cent pins.

TAXES

Albert Bryan arose to his feet at Friday's Kiwanis luncheon and urged that everyone take advantage of the few remaining days before the tire tax goes into effect to purchase automobile tires. And that prompted another gentleman to suggest that everyone also write a lot of checks before the check tax becomes effective.

And we might add, it will be a good idea for all of us to mail as many letters as we can before two cent stamps blossom into three cent stamps, or something.

THIS AND THAT

This double parking is getting serious. The other evening we counted a string of seven cars double-parked in a row. Ours was the second from the front.

By the time this column of sage observation gets into print, more than likely President Hoover will have been renominated by the republicans in the hopes that he will be elected to lead us through four more years of prosperity that features bread lines and empty pocket books.

Since Rockefeller and McAdoo have come out for a vote on the 18th amendment, we have seriously been thinking of coming out for something, too.

Several years ago we decided to come out for dog catcher in our old home town, but on our way to announce our intention, we saw a dog. We didn't get down out of the tree until it was too late.

Which reminds us of the time we boarded in the home of the city dog catcher of Greensboro. And every time we had hot dogs for supper, we couldn't help feel a little suspicious.

However, they quit serving them after one of the boarders found a piece of dog collar in his plate one night.

And it was just a cheap dog collar at that.

Frankly, we prefer horse meat to dog, although we have never eaten any.

And speaking of eating horse meat, it does look like the world war veterans deserve their bonus—now. Soon as we find time, we're going to write congress a letter about it.

Mr. Spradlin says he is going to send the sheriff after some of these folks who owe the bank and won't pay their notes. Then where'll they be?

Those debtors who have turned up a disdainful nose at the bank's effort to thaw out are not doing a thing but holding up the entire process of liquidation, the old mean things.

Perhaps we'd better write them a letter, too.

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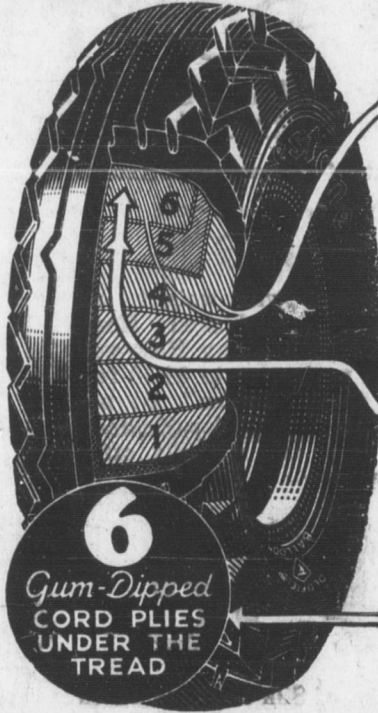
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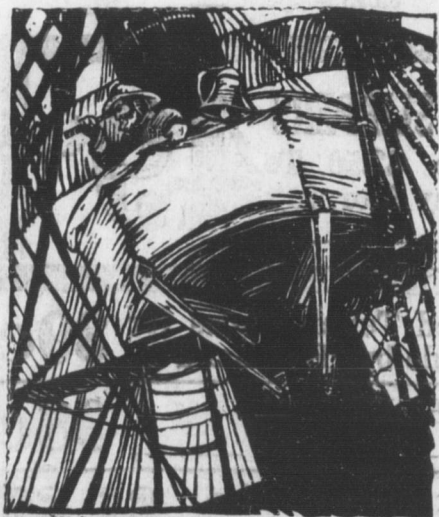
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