



THIRD ANNIVERSARY

Looking through the files of The Tribune for 1931, we find that the first issue of the Gab Bag to appear and astound the local citizenry was published September 10, of that year. Which makes the Gab Bag three years and two weeks old today—as far as Elkin is concerned.

And we learn from various and sundry sources that Elkin is very much concerned.

Because, according to many, the three years which have seen this column clutter up the columns of The Tribune have seemed more like eternity.

Oh well, we don't care. Think of the heartaches it has caused us. And we've had to write it week in and week out while you have been under no obligation at all to read it.

However, the Gab Bag has brought us a few bright moments as well as some of darker hue. We haven't forgotten the verbal spanking received at the hands of Mr. Whisenhunt when we differed on the beer question. Neither have we forgotten that some of our pallid points were not appreciated by members of the late Civic Betterment League, back in the days of turmoil.

But, everything considered, all is forgiven. We forgive those who hurt our feelings and we also forgive those whose feelings we hurt. And as we launch out into another year of Gab Bagging, we are firmly resolved to forgive all hurt feelings of the future. We're big hearted that way.

HIT OR MISS

It's being told that a certain local couple, spending a day or so in Washington, saw President Roosevelt—in a dime store... Maybe buying trinkets for the brain trust... A letter from home relates that our father, connected with the textile industry has not been allowed to enter his office in several weeks... And that the mill employees, frightened into joining the union, and the strike, are picketing the mill while they slowly starve... Somehow or other the textile strike strikes us as unadulterated dampfoolishness... Coming, as it did, at a time when

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scores of mills were running only that their employees might have something to live on... Henry Dobson, Democratic candidate for the house of representatives, is reported to have purchased 37 dozen El-Smello cigars to give to his friends between now and come election... Although we realize that a candidate must do some campaigning, we can't understand why Henry wants to kill all his friends... Q. Snow, doing a little preliminary campaigning at Dobson on the day of the county convention, was passing out Wing cigarettes—a cigarette at the time.

AUTO CATCHES FIRE

An automobile, ignited by a spark from a shorted starter motor, caught fire here last week.

The fire truck arrived in time to turn around and go back.

However, much to the surprise of those prepared to push, the motor was started. Five minutes later the truck had covered one block and turned a corner.

The man who turned in the alarm received a postcard that it was on the way.

The car which caught fire was extinguished, repaired and traded in on a new model before the truck reached the scene.

Arrangements are being made to send for the truck in advance before the next fire breaks out.

THIS AND THAT

Frank Miller, genial rain and chocolate milk man of north of Elkin, states he would very much like to do this column just one time, but fears that it would not get by the censor. But that's nothing. Lots of our stuff is blue penciled before reaching print.

One of the most impressive Amos 'n' Andy programs we've heard was the one last week in which Roland Webber died—the victim of a reckless driver. It would have been a mighty good thing if certain youngsters of Elkin—who are often turned loose at the wheel of an auto—had heard that program.

Speaking of speeding, one of the favorite speedways here is West Main street—between the Atkinson corner and the Elk Spur street intersection—where practically every car that passes literally whizzes. An officer interested in curbing reckless driving could put in a very successful day's work there.

The majority of those guilty of speeding there wouldn't have to be arrested. They are mostly at the age were a good spanking would be more appropriate.

Cycle News

Lee Johnson remains quite ill at his home here, we are sorry to note. Large crowds attended both the Sunday school and preaching services at Mountain View church Sunday. Rev. Ernest Stinson occupied the pulpit for the pastor at the 11 o'clock service Sunday morning and preached an interesting sermon. Following the sermon the sacrament of the Lord's Supper was observed.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Nicks of Winston-Salem, were business visitors in this community Saturday.

Rev. Ernest Stinson and little son and Mr. and Mrs. Sam Brown of Boonville, were Sunday guests in the home of Rev. W. V. Brown. The Oak Grove school opened Monday morning with the same faculty as last year.

REVENUE MEN GO TO SCHOOL

Another "school" for the 53 field men of the state revenue department will be held at Raleigh to teach them how to collect taxes and how to keep from missing any taxes that are supposed to be collected.

A new motion picture is named "Here Comes the Groom." It is about time that the poor guy was getting a little attention.



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