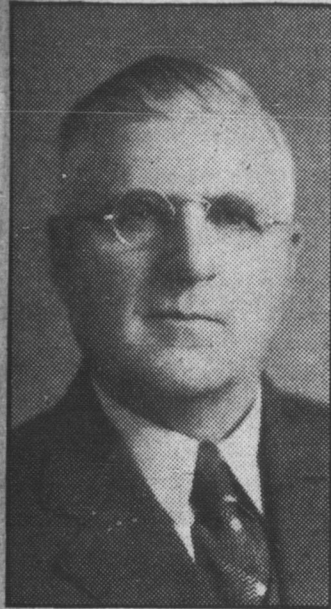


By ALAN BROWNING, Jr.

R. L. CHURCH

Mr. R. L. "Bob" Church, prominent Elkin business man, is presented readers of the Gab Bag this week as the column makes its appearance for the first time on a seven-column page and under a new head.



Mr. Church is the Gulf Oil Co. distributor here and in addition is owner and manager of the Gulf Service Station located on South Bridge street.

You've heard the old saying about "going through fire and flood." Well, it can truthfully be said that Mr. Church has been through both. He told us one day about the flood of the Yadkin in 1916 when he was operating a box factory at Roaring River. The muddy waters spread out to sweep away lumber, boxes and whatnot as they made their swirling way to the sea. And not so many months ago on the one night of the year that high winds were sweeping the countryside, his home here caught fire and burned to the ground, and all its contents with it.

But Mr. Church is not a man to be easily downed and a new home is now going up on the ashes of the old.

Personally, we've always had a liking for today's guest star. He's good natured, friendly and well liked by everyone who knows him. And he always takes an interest



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in civic affairs without trying to hog the limelight and forcing his opinions on everyone else.

Father of a son who has won his wings as an aviator, Mr. Church has made but one flight in an airplane that we know of. And it so happened we were a passenger on the same flight, coming from Mount Airy to Elkin in a tri-motored Ford. He appeared to enjoy it immensely, even when we had to stop on the take-off to run and chase a bunch of curious Jersey cows out of the way.

You'll like Mr. Church, if it so happens you as yet don't know him.

THE NEW HEADING

Regardless of the fact that Carl Poindexter claims the Gab Bag doesn't need a new head for the column but DOES need a new head for the writer, we're presenting a new column head today nevertheless.

It's not important, of course, and no very big change has been

made, but we figured we ought to point out one or two facts.

You'll notice the picture is a very good likeness of the writer, a little flattering, perhaps, but still a good picture. And you'll also notice that he is sitting on a sofa pillow due to the fact that he'll probably have to sit there a long time, and also due to the fact that nature wasn't very generous in providing him with natural cushions.

Oscar, the rat, is still on the scene, so if, while reading this column, you smell a rat, don't get alarmed because it will just be Oscar. So far as we know we are the only columnist of international fame who supplies his own rat for people to smell.

Another change are the glasses gracefully adorning the writer's somewhat angular nose (although a very good smell), which were added due to eye strain caused by seeking some grain of truth in the many big tales told by our friend and helper, Mr. William V. Holcomb. Otherwise the heading is substantially the same as the old one, which no doubt will be cause for happiness and thanksgiving on the part of all you nine (1930 census) readers.

We might mention in passing that The Tribune now comes forth from a larger and more modern press, which you've probably heard running if you've been within five or six miles of Elkin lately. Instead of the six columns on each page, it now boasts seven, but don't worry, we're not going to write the column one line longer.

While still on the subject of the new press, we want to state that a terrible accident occurred in this office last Wednesday night a week ago. We had just finished printing the paper and everyone except us, grabbed a wrench and started tearing down the old press preparatory to shipping it to Hillsville, Va., to its new owner.

It so happened that there were more wrenches than there were nuts and bolts to be unscrewed, and so all concerned, led by the inimitable Ot Laffoon, centered on one bolt. For a while the sparks flew and no one could tell what was coming loose. Then, as the group broke up and backed away, it was disclosed that Ot, in his zeal, had unscrewed one of his legs by mistake, not to mention an arm and elbow of one of the boys working next to him! But everything is all right now. We chased the leg down and screwed it back on him.

We learned yesterday that Elkin's new fire truck is coming equipped with a special window breaker outer that no doubt will prove a comfort to the firemen. Heretofore they've had to depend on rocks and brickbats.

We'll give the Republicans who attended their national convention at Cleveland credit for one thing—they sure can whoop it up and holler.

Guess we'll hear a lot of yelling from both sides from now until November.

Funny thing about it, not until the Republican convention met did we know that we were facing a crisis and that we haven't got any liberty.

But just you wait until we Democrats get together for a yelling spree in Philadelphia where the liberty bell is located, and you'll find the whole country just oozing liberty.

Wonder if the politicians, on both sides, believe half the stuff they spout? This country is going to go right on functioning in spite of them.

Eight years ago the Republicans were mentioning something about a chicken in every pot; four years ago they didn't even have the pot to mention, and last week they were whooping it up about restoring liberty to the American pee-pul. Was it Shakespeare who said "Much ado about nothing?"

BOONVILLE

Miss Grace Hayes and J. Ralph Walker are attending summer school at Raleigh.

Mrs. Ethel Holloway of Morehead City is visiting her brother, H. W. Reece.

G. G. Tucker of Winston-Salem was a visitor here Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Wade Shore returned Friday from a cruise to Bermuda.

The daily vacation Bible school closed Friday. The enrollment was 90 students and eleven teachers. Much good was derived from the school and it was greatly enjoyed by all of those attending.

Miss Catherine Jones is attending summer school at A. S. T. C., Boone.

W. A. Speer will return Saturday from Blue Ridge, N. C., where he has been attending the Southern Students Conference. Mr. Speer is a representative of the Y. M. C. A. of N. C. State College, Raleigh.

Rev. J. P. Davis, assisted by

Miss Grigg, is holding a Daily Vacation Bible school at Yadkinville. It will continue through next week.

James Reece made a business trip to Boone last week.

The Way of Fame

Author: "Well, sir, the upshot of it was that it took me ten years to discover that I had absolutely no talent for writing literature."

Friend: "You gave up?"  
Author: "Oh, no; by that time I was too famous."

Samuel Gompers was elected president of the American Federation of Labor 38 times—1886-1894; 1895-1924.

NOTICE

By virtue of the power contained in a deed of trust executed by W. P. Adams and wife Vertis Adams to the undersigned trustee to secure a debt to E. H. Thompson which is recorded in the office of Register of Deeds of Surry County in Book No. 103, page 216, said debt being due and unpaid I will sell at public auction for cash at the court house door in Dobson on Saturday, the

11th day of July, 1936, at one o'clock P. M., the following real estate lying in Surry County, N. C.

Being a lot of land which was allotted to said W. P. Adams in the division of the lands of W. W. Adams among the heirs at law, as will be shown in the office of the Clerk of the Superior Court and Register of Deeds of Surry county containing 57 acres more or less. Sale will be made for the payment of said debt and cost. This the 8th day of June, 1936.

W. L. REECE,  
Trustee

NOTICE

Having qualified as Administrator of the estate of P. A. Heffner, deceased, all persons holding claims against said estate will hereby take notice that they are required to present the same to the undersigned within 12 months from date of this notice or same will be pleaded in bar of recovery. All persons owing said estate will please make immediate settlement.

This the 23rd day of May, 1936.  
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JUNE 25-26

Charlie CHAPLIN

In

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NEXT WEEK

MONDAY-TUESDAY—

Married On a Wild Party—Strangers the Next Day! Then—She Fell in Love With Her Husband!



"Small Town Girl"

News-Cartoon - Adm. 10c-30c

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