



BY ALAN BROWNING, JR.

**WHOOPIING COUGH**

Take a look at us—a horrible example of the effects of whooping cough. Note our wan appearance . . . how our bones rattle as we walk. Isn't it awful?

As a very small child we were robust and pleasingly plump. Glowing health glowed from every skin pore. We were similar to these children you see in milk advertisements. Then a whooping cough germ hopped aboard . . . and alas!

From that time on we have been but a mere shadow of ourself. Up through childhood we came, bearing the distasteful nickname of "Skinny." We lost our appetite and what little we did eat went to our stomach. Horrible, horrible years of not being fat . . . of being called "Skinny" . . . of difficulty in getting trousers small enough at the waist and long enough in the legs. And all because of one whooping cough germ.

Thus it is natural that we give heed to the parents of small children here who fear the current whooping cough epidemic, and cry to the heavens over the gross inconsideration of the parents of children with the whooping cough who allow their offsprings the run of the town. Whooping cough is a far more serious illness than most people believe, and the law requires that every case be quarantined. So what? So infected children are brought down town to spread the germs to other children, that's what.

It's no skin off our nose. Both

of our kids have had the whooping cough. The youngest, incidentally, had a tough time of it. But with our known ability as a buttinski, we are taking up for those kids who haven't had the disease—but who have small chance of avoiding it if parents of those children with it continue to allow their children out in public.

**TIME MARCHES ON!**

Perhaps by the time this knows nothing and tells all column hits print the "silvery" waters of the Yadkin will be rippling upon the banks as the newest addition to Elkin's fleet majestically putt-putts upon its way.

For—and our bosom, such as it is, swells with pride—as we tell you that Elkin's first blue print battle cruiser has been constructed by a crew of veteran "old salts," and the last time we saw it it was about ready to be launched.

Unfortunately, the owners of the cruiser—Errol Hayes, Charlie Alexander, "Ankle Deep" Parnell, and others, insist that they be allowed to name the boat, thus cheating us out of the opportunity. We understand they are figuring on naming it the "Silver Cat," or something such, if in fact they have not already done so.

Of course it's their boat, and all that, but we hate to think of such a name as "Silver Cat" taking its place with such famous ships as the U. S. Hootnanny, the U. S. S. Percy, U. S. S. Lizzie and other ships that have seen service. We think the name "U. S. Vinegar-puss" would be much more appropriate.

Anyway, in spite of the name, it's quite a boat, being equipped, we understand, with a life preserver and waterwings, so that Mr. Parnell's life will not be in danger if and when the boat should go on the rocks in knee-deep water.

**THIS AND THAT**

Heat waves and such would not cause nearly so much discomfort were it not for people talking about the weather so much.

Last week we were going on in the even tenor of our way, bothered very little by the heat. Then—upon the front pages of all the daily papers appeared headlines telling of the terrific heat wave sweeping the eastern part of the nation. Not until we saw those headlines did we give a thought to the heat. But now we're all hot and bothered because if the papers say there is a heat wave, then there must be a heat wave, and if there is a heat wave who are we not to feel hot?

The power of suggestion is quite a dinkus. It seems to us the newspapers could make things a lot more comfortable for everyone by carrying headlines such as this: "Forecasters marvel at unseasonably cool spell," whenever it really begins to warm up. If they would, chances are everyone would start sleeping under blankets, no matter how hot it was.

Wonder if Elkin tire dealers had anything to do with putting those traffic dinkuses at the downtown intersections, for they are bound to be helping the tire business.

We have no way of figuring how many accidents they have prevented, but we do know that to date they have been responsible for turning one car over, and too, have contributed to the breakage of a rear spring on our car. We didn't hit it through reckless driving, either. It was either hit it or hit another car, due to the haphazard and thoughtless way cars are parked at the corners.

Those semi-flat traffic dinkuses with the red reflectors are okay, but in the opinion of every motorist we've heard discuss the big oval ones, they are not only a nuisance, but a menace. With cars parking so near the corners, Elkin streets are just not wide enough for them to fulfill the purpose intended.

We'll find something else to complain about in our next issue.

**COOL SPRINGS**

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Venable and daughter Mary Lee of Traphill, were welcome visitors at Cool Springs Sunday, also Mr. and Mrs. Guy Henson of the little Elkin community, Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Wishon and Misses Dessere Carter and Gladys Transon of Pleasant Hill, were among the visitors here.

Mr. A. C. Wall with his quartette visited at Pleasant Hill Sunday evening both to hear the special sermon by Rev. I. W. Vestal, and express the good will and ap-

preciation of Cool Springs folks for the helping hand that they have held forth by visiting our services here.

Rev. Vestal's sermon here Sunday was "Your Reasonable Service," and he talked well indeed.

A highly appreciated service was rendered to the cause of Christ's work when Messrs. O. P. Holbrook and Eugene Pettyjohn entertained their respective classes at an ice cream feast Sunday afternoon at the home of Mr. Pettyjohn. They are building the hall of memory for these kids will draw them toward Christ and His church in the years ahead.

Several folks of Cool Springs attended the birthday dinner given in honor of Mr. Hillary Byrd near Charity, Sunday, among them being Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Cart, Mrs. C. E. Fields, and Mr.

Virgil Carter, Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Couch.

The Y. F. M. was in charge of Miss Lula Mae Luffman Sunday evening, an enjoyable service conducted with quiet efficiency. Miss Maxine Holbrook will be in charge next Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Myers of Swan Creek were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Jay Meyers Sunday. Mr. Myers was also a visitor with us. Glad to have each visitor with us, come again.

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