



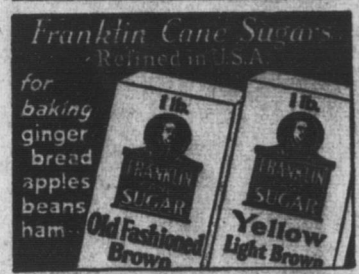
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SIXTH ANNIVERSARY

This particular column of the Gab Bag is No. 312—and marks the column's sixth anniversary as a Tribune feature. Since the Gab Bag has been appearing in The Tribune it has never missed a week and never said anything of any importance, which should be a record of some sort when you take into consideration that the 312 columns have contained nearly a quarter of a million words. And when anyone writes a quarter of a million words without saying anything, that something! But shucks, we could easily do it again!

The original Gab Bag was originated by Jake Wade at the time he was sports editor of the Greensboro Record. After a month or so Jake tired of the daily chore and the column went begging, first to one reporter and then the other. Then it was pushed off on us and began its trek towards a bad end, getting nowhere fast.

Jake got the idea for the name



from a column appearing in a northern daily which was dubbed "The Grab Bag." He changed this to Gab Bag, and then one day discovered that Gab Bag spells the same thing both forward and backward. It pleased him so much that he went about the office with a smile on his face for almost 20 minutes.

The nearest we ever came to getting fired over the column was the time we innocently made a crack about a laundry returning some shirts on which all buttons had not been broken. One of the biggest Greensboro laundries threatened to cancel all advertising as a result, which made the advertising manager very unhappy and gave us a few bad moments. However, due to the fact it was a laundry kicking, the matter was finally ironed out okey.

THIS AND THAT
All directors meetings of every sort that took place the first of

last week were held at the site of the new Elkin postoffice so the various officers wouldn't lose any time watching the big shovel at work.

And whenever anyone was looking for someone and couldn't find them where they were supposed to be, they just sauntered down to the shovel and 99 times out of a hundred they would find them, chins in hand, leaning on the railing, deeply absorbed in each bite the shovel made. Fact is, we spent Thursday morning there ourselves, so we ought to know what we are talking about. Usually we don't, however.

Occasionally we make claim that this column has nine readers, counting ourself, the linotype operator and the proof reader. However, sometimes we wonder if it has any readers, and proceed to write in a paragraph or two to find out. It's easy to find out if you know what to write and we've found out that we may have even as many as 11 readers, and most of them church members.

With the bank building about completed, the construction of the postoffice building is going to prove quite a comfort to those who enjoy watching things being built. Of course, it's a little off our beat, but it's better than nothing.

E. W. McDaniel was preparing to have his picture taken one morning last week and lost a lot of time wondering whether he should part his hair in the middle or on the side for best results.

This week, four years ago, General Hugh Johnson was busy with plans to force observance by employers of the NRA; the junior college department of Mountain Park Institute had just been formally opened, and a campaign was under way in Surry county to reduce tobacco acreage for 1934-35.

Four years ago this week Rev. Charles B. Howard, pastor of the Enfield Baptist church, was preparing to come here to assist in a revival at the First Baptist church; and the funeral for Bryant Stone, electrocuted for the murder of his son-in-law, had just been held.

This week, three years ago, the tragic crash of an airplane near Clingman had just snuffed out the lives of four people, including Carl Coffey, of North Wilkesboro, and the Elkin commissioners, not to be outdone in providing excitement, had just closed all Elkin pool rooms for the umpteenth time in addition to shaking up the police department, transferring the late W. G. Church to the night force and dispensing with the services of J. L. Darnell, a change they soon reconsidered.

How time does pass!

MOUNTAIN PARK

Rev. Scales Draughn filled his regular appointment at Mountain Park Baptist church last Sunday. He preached a very interesting sermon on "God Speaking to Man."

Mr. John Berry of Raleigh spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Williams.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Eldridge of Lexington visited relatives here last week.

Mr. Manard Calloway of Mt. Airy visited relatives here Sunday.

Mr. R. W. Walters of Mt. Airy visited relatives here Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Linville and family spent Sunday at Pilot Mountain.

Mr. and Mrs. John Nixon spent Sunday in Winston-Salem.

Mr. D. E. Craig spent part of last week in South Carolina.

Mrs. Claud Harris entertained her son Fred and friends on his eighth birthday last Saturday afternoon from 2:30 until 4:30. Fred was the recipient of many gifts. The children played games, after which tempting refreshments were served.

Mr. and Mrs. M. K. Landrieth and family spent Sunday in Sparta.

Mr. Clyde Cockerham of Winston-Salem spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Cockerham.

Strategy

Sinister-looking individual (significantly) — Is yer 'usband at 'ome madam?

Lady (resourcefully) — Well, if he's finished his revolver practice, he'll be playing in the back garden with our bloodhounds. Did you want to see him?

Some Doubt
Litt—if I remember correctly you're an optimist, aren't you?

Uppe—Yes, after a sort, I believe the world is getting better every day, but I'm not so sure about the nights.

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