



THE GAB BAG BY ALAN BROWNING, JR. AFTER CHRISTMAS DOLDRUMS It's come and gone again, Christmas has, and as usual we weren't ready for it and we won't be ready for next Christmas either.

Santa Claus was good to us, and we didn't go to near as much trouble as Dixie Graham did. Several days before Christmas we saw him in a barber shop getting all prettied up in the hopes that Old Santa wouldn't recognize him and as a result, pay him a visit this year.

The State magazine, we understand, is now giving hugs with each copy sold, presumably in an effort to increase circulation. In one case we could mention, not only did this hug business increase circulation, but also blood pressure.

Nothing so drab and bare looking as the stores after Christmas. Gone the gay Christmas colors and sparkling decorations; gone the eye-filling Christmas gift goods, only to be replaced by prints and pillow cases, long underwear and overall pants. Then in a few days, the eye again becomes accustomed to the usual as Christmas fades further and further into the background and all is as it was before.

Christmas is a whole year coming but departs overnight.

Leaving bills and turkey hash.

Already this column is becoming hard to fill. Just for fun we are going to pick up a volume of the encyclopedia set we are collecting, open it at random and copy off the first six lines of the left hand page. It may not prove interesting and it may not make complete sense, but it will help fill, so here goes, come what may:

"numerous banqueting pieces are also excellent. Six at least of these are found at Venice in the refectories of the monasteries, among the best of which are the "Marriage at Cana," comprising 120 figures, many of which are portraits, and the "Feast of

That didn't turn out so exciting.

Before we go into our next weakly brainstorm, 1937 will have taken its place in history and 1938 will be with us. What 1937 brought us we all know, but what the new year holds no one can tell (except the weatherman, and he's usually wrong).

The past year, getting personal, brought us the complete destruction of our home by fire, but it left us our health, our job and no desire to quit this business of living. And it brought home to us the realization that when disaster strikes there are always

COOL SPRINGS

The Christmas program was well attended here on Christmas Eve. A large tree beautifully decorated reached the high ceiling, and was heaped around with many lovely Christmas packages. The Cool Springs Quartette and Young Ladies Quartette sang several numbers. The opening Scripture was read by Mr. J. D. Key.

Owing to the fact that the program was given at Pleasant Hill on the same evening we missed our many friends from our neighbor church.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Burcham were week-end guests of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Newman.

Mr. and Mrs. Dallas Gillingham of Pleasant Hill visited their aunt, Mrs. Sarah Tucker on the afternoon of Christmas day.

Mr. Walter Pinnex and sons Alton, and Odean, and Mr. Fred Vestal of near Swan Creek were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Holbrook Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Hilary Byrd and daughters of near Charity, were guests of Mrs. Byrd's mother, Mrs. C. F. Fields Sunday.

The Young Ladies Quartette sang at Little Elkin Saturday evening.

A large number of Cool Springs folks attended the funeral service for Mr. Myers at Swan Creek Sunday. He was a brother of Mr. Jack Myers of this community.

Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Pettijohn spent the week-end with Mrs. Pettijohn's father, Mr. R. L. Wall of Elkin.

Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Pettyjohn spent Christmas day visiting Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Bengé.

The Cool Springs Quartette sang at the Baptist church at Ronda Sunday evening.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Jack Holbrook on Christmas morning a fine baby girl. Both mother and baby are doing well.

Miss Ruby Ray Holbrook and brother Brett, spent the week-end in Winston-Salem the guests of their sister, Mrs. John Burton and Mr. Burton.

Cool Springs community has sustained a loss in the death of Mrs. E. H. Darnell. She was until the organization of Benham church a member here with us, and was a friend and neighbor all her life. We as a church extend our sympathy to the surviving husband.

This will close my year again as a reporter for my community, and I find on looking back a rather shoddy record, so many weeks missed, and a careless gathering of news items. Is there wonder at the fact that all of us like to see the New Year and resolve anew to do better next year, to attend our church and Sabbath school, to support it in all its interests, and then break 'em all before the year has gone.

Anyway, Happy New Year, and may we keep our resolutions longer as the years go by.

SWAN CREEK

A large number attended the funeral of Reggie Myers of Jonesville, which was held at Swan Creek Church Sunday.

Friends of Mrs. Roy Myers will regret to know that she underwent an operation Saturday in a Statesville hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Sale of Winston-Salem were visitors in this community Sunday.

Miss Anna Belle Coater of Galax, Va., spent the week-end here with Misses DeEtte and Anna Lee Swain.

Truman Key spent last week in Winston-Salem, visiting relatives and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Rumble and son, Thomas, of Clingman, visited Mrs. Glenn Swain recently.

Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Stroud of Bethel visited Mr. and Mrs. Robert Swain last Sunday.

Announcement has just been made of the marriage of Miss Rachel Miles of Denneysville to Sam Gregory of this community. The marriage, which was announced Saturday, was solemnized several months ago.

Mrs. Vina Swain had as her guests on Christmas Day, Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Swain of Winston-Salem, Mrs. Clay Macey and Mrs. Omar Walker and daughter, Barbara Jean, of Hamptonville.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Mellican of High Point, Edgar Mayes of Winston-Salem and Mr. and Mrs. Joel Myers of Cycle were the guests Christmas Day of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Harris.

Tildon Mathis of Winston-Salem, spent the holidays here with Mr. and Mrs. Jones Mathis.

Monroe Vestal of Burlington spent the holidays here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bilson Vestal.

Mr. and Mrs. Coy Vestal and Worth Vestal of Greensboro, visited their parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Vestal, over the holidays.

Miss Anna Lee Swain visited Mr. and Mrs. Guy Myers at Jonesville several days last week.

Misses Ruby, Mary Lee, Opal and Leonard Reavis of Hamptonville, spent Monday with their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. S. Reavis.

CRUTCHFIELD

The people of this community observed Christmas in a very quiet way. There was no disorder whatsoever, and everybody seemed to be happy and enjoyed the holidays very much. Santa Claus was very generous, omitting no one.

There were several who were formerly of this community, that returned for one or more of the holidays. Among them were: Mrs. Bernice Fowlkes, of Rural Hall, Mr. Prather Stanley of New York, Mr. and Mrs. Mercus Chandler of High Point, Mr. and Mrs. Gertha Stanley of Elkin, and others.

Mrs. W. D. Mosely of this place is spending the holidays with her daughter, Mrs. Ernest Reece in Winston-Salem.

Mrs. O. V. Marion, her daughter, Mrs. Prather Stanley and Mr. Stanley spent Sunday with Mrs. Marion's brother, Mr. S. W. Garner in Winston-Salem.

Rev. T. S. Draughn was very busy during the Christmas holidays. He conducted the funeral services for Mrs. E. B. Hampton, widow of the late Dr. E. B. Hampton, Thursday morning at ten o'clock at Friendship Baptist church, and that same afternoon at two o'clock he held the funeral of Mrs. Tom Whitaker, better known as "Aunt Tina" at Little Richmond Baptist church.

On the afternoon before he had officiated at the wedding of Mr. Roy Mounce of Albany, N. Y. and Miss Catherine Greenwood of Elkin. Then on Saturday morn-

ing, Christmas day, he had charge of the annual Christmas celebration for the T. L. Hayes Co., of Booneville, N. C. The attendance at this service was approximately one thousand people.

He finished the holidays by preaching at his regular service at Friendship Sunday morning.

There seems to be a shakeup in store for the telegraph operators on this division again. But we hope that we may be able to retain our agent, Mr. R. D. Jackson, for we are all well pleased with him and his service.

Happy New Year to everybody.

Bad Egg

Helen—I understand Elsie's fiance is supposed to be a dreadfully bad egg.

Bertha—So that's it. I've wondered for a long time why she didn't like to drop him.

A grasshopper can jump about 100 times its own length.

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Shorts Adm. 10c-25c

NEXT WEEK

MONDAY-TUESDAY—

WOTTA LIFE! WOTTA RIOT! WOTTA LAFFAPALOOZAI! The RIZ BROTHERS LIFE BEGINS IN COLLEGE JOAN DAVIS TONY MARTIN GLORIA STUART

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