



# THE GAB BAG

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## THE SHAPE OF THINGS TO COME

We've heard tell, in our goings and comings from here and there, that this business of rationing tires and tubes and automobiles is nothing compared to what's to come. Being one of those persons who believes in passing all worthwhile information, both in the rumor and the "they say" stage, we'll let you in.

Men's suits, they tell us, will have no cuff on the pants as of lately or soon after. Double breast suits will have no vest. Overcoats will no longer be full length, but sort of three-quarter or two-third length. Ladies' dresses will be shorter, it was also reported, but this will probably depend upon the nature of the individual's knees. We know if we were a lady we certainly wouldn't want to go around with our knees showing.

Rubber boots, overshoes and things like that there are also going to be on the list of things we once could buy, but can't when present stocks are exhausted, it

has been reliably reported by "they say." Still, maybe you'd better not put any more confidence in these reports than you would a Tokyo news broadcast.

Speaking of the tire shortage, lots of automobiles were off about six months rubber for ordinary driving when it snowed last week, trying to get up slick hills. Fumes of burning rubber mingled with the gently falling

snow while the fuming of the motorists mingled with both.

The morning after the snow (we mean the snow of Wednesday night of last week, in event it should snow again before you read this because you are just killing time anyway), we came down town at about a quarter of nine. Of course the weather was rather chilly, but we figured the temperature wasn't any lower than about 24 degrees. On Main street we started into Abernethy's when we happened to look at the thermometer. It was standing, and shifting from one foot to the other, on 18 degrees! Honestly, we nearly froze to death before we could get inside the store!

They're telling for the truth that two ladies of this section were discussing the war when one remarked that she wished someone would kill Hitler. "I do, too," the other lady said, "and I wish while they are at it they would kill that woman!"

"What woman?" she was asked.

"Mis' Olena," she replied.

**CONCERNING THE WEATHER**  
We've lived in a number of towns in our time, both large and small, but after a careful study we have come to the conclusion that when it comes to knowing anything about the weather, no one answers.

That is, no one except the guessers.

For instance, we have heard amateur weather forecasters announce that if it clouds up and stays cloudy, say for a day or

night, it won't snow. We've heard people say that it was too cold to snow when the temperature was in the thirties. We've heard them say that it won't snow in the period of the full moon, and so on and so on. And we've carefully noted that in spite of these won'ts, it will snow whenever it takes a notion, which is all too seldom.

As for not snowing when the moon is full, that sounds sort of silly, for with a bright moon the weather can see how to cloud up much better than on a dark night. And that one about it getting too cold to snow seems rather wrong, too, inasmuch as we've heard of it snowing, and sometimes as often as twice in one season, at the north and south poles. The poles are not noted for their spring climate, you know.

So, you see, after years of listening to weather forecasters, we have come to the conclusion that no one can say just what the weather is going to do. And the next time you ask someone if he thinks it's going to snow, also add that you know he doesn't know, but he has a right to his opinion.

Then for the straight dope, get out your Dr. Miles weather calendar and act accordingly.

## • Ronda

The Woman's Missionary society of Ronda Baptist church met with Mrs. L. C. Dobbins last Thursday at 2 p.m. There were eight members present for the meeting. The topic for the month was "Whatever Things Are True." Mrs. C. C. Tharpe was program leader. The devotionals were conducted by Mrs. Hobson Blackburn. Others taking part on the program were Mesdames F. T. Moore, E. T. Edwards, L. E. Dobbins, R. R. Crater, O. D. Bentley and R. C. Martin.

During the business part of the meeting the following officers were re-elected to serve another year: president, Mrs. R. C. Martin; vice-president, Mrs. E. T. Edwards; secretary and treasurer, Mrs. F. T. Moore. At the close of the business meeting the hostess, assisted by Miss Nona Lee Mathis, served delicious refreshments. A very enjoyable social hour was spent with the hostess.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert D. Clanton arrived here early Thursday morning and spent a few days visiting Mrs. Clanton's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Jones, and other relatives. They were on their way back to Greensboro after a five-day wedding trip to places of interest in some of the southern states. Some of the places visited were Beaufort, S. C., Jacksonville and St. Augustine, Fla. While in St. Augustine they visited the world's largest alligator and ostrich farm. From there they went to Marineland, through Marine Studios, to the oldest wooden school house and to the oldest house. This fascinating structure has seen life under four flags. They also visited the Fountain of Youth, the unique and unusual Indian Burial Grounds and the Seminole Indian Settlement. From there they went to Silver Springs, then to Athens, Ga., back to South Carolina and on to Ronda.

Roy Gray Crater and J. C. Drum, of Durham, spent the week-end here visiting their respective parents, Rev. and Mrs.

R. R. Crater and Mr. and Mrs. John Drum, and other relatives and friends.

Friends of Mrs. J. C. Byrd will be glad to learn that she is improving and it is hoped that she will soon be able to be out again.

R. E. Martin, of High Point, spent the week-end here with his family and other relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Warren Pardue, of Elkin, were visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. M. S. Pardue Sunday.

The boys' and girls' basketball teams of Ronda high school won over the teams of Traphill high school on the Ronda court last Thursday afternoon.

Friends of Mrs. Marvin Walls are very sorry to learn that she is ill at her home here. We wish for her a speedy recovery.

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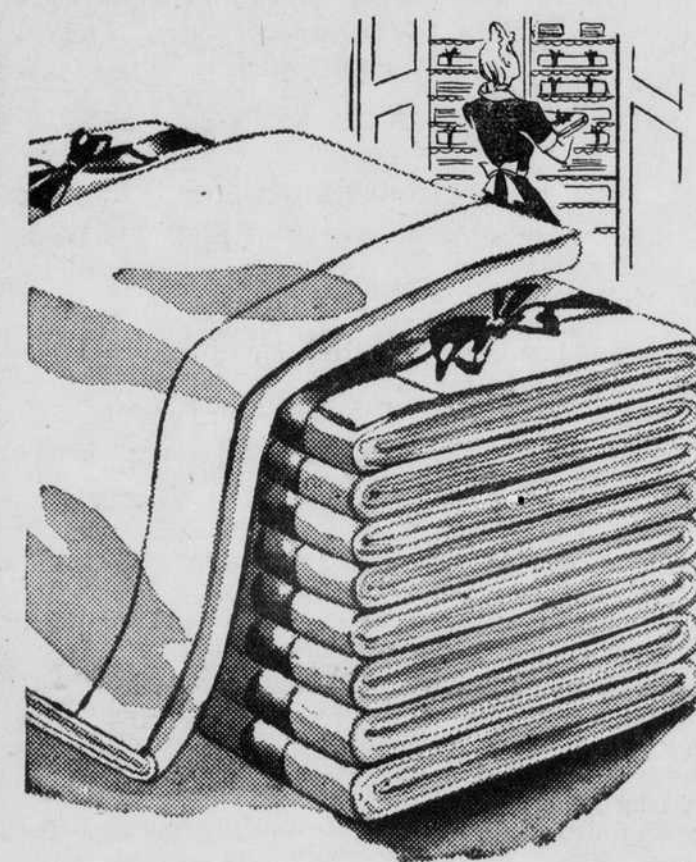
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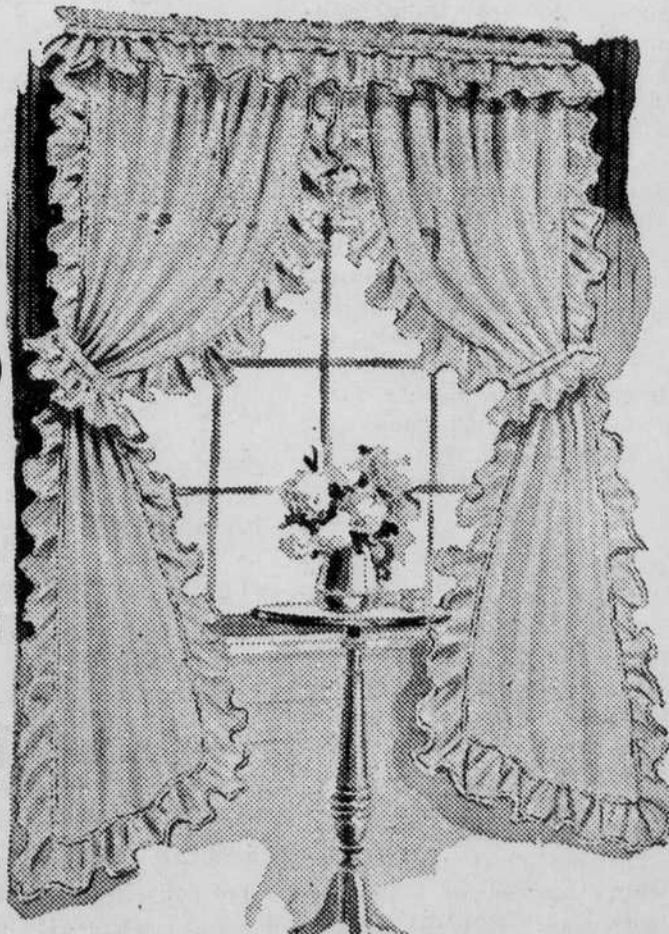
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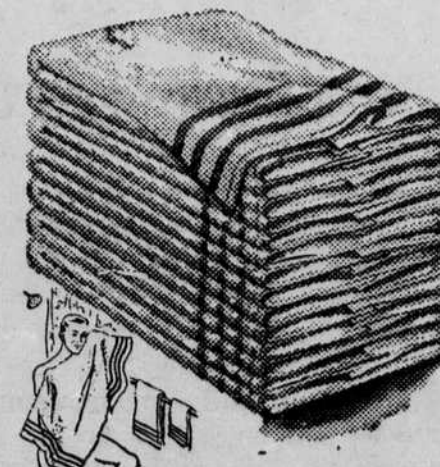


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