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The only time we like to be a joy-killer is when we disappoint a pessimist.

Things people say about you behind your back wouldn't have sounded nearly as bad if you had been there when they were said.

People who don't do so much talking never have so much to take back.

It's about time for politicians to begin grooming their manners for the coming primary and election.

Don't expect others to do things for you that you know you wouldn't do for them.

It's just as far down as it is up, so while you are climbing the ladder of success it isn't a bad idea to keep your eye open for a soft place to land.

Nothing is quite as easy to alibi away from as a religious meeting.

Another Menace

Branding the stray cat as the No. 1 menace to game birds, the Southport Civic secretary, W. B. Keziah, evidently did not take so well to the editorial printed last week in which foxes and hawks were blamed to a large extent for the growing scarcity of quail.

The Civic Club Secretary does not pretend to defend the fox and the hawk, he merely insists that prowling cats are more destructive. With sound reasoning he points out that nature created the fox and the hawk and the quail and intended for them all to live a wild life. Then man entered into the scheme of things, he said, and began dumping surplus cats along the roadside to enter the battle for existence.

"Kill the cats in the woods and fields," he urges, "and the birds will multiply."

We'll compromise with him in giving advice to hunters; we'll list the cat as enemy No. 1 if they will place the fox and the hawk not far behind, and wage a battle of extermination against all three.

Hospitalization Paid

An organization that is fast coming into prominence in North Carolina is the association to provide hospitalization to its members in exchange for nominal monthly dues.

We are not familiar with the workings of the organization, and we know only the vague facts regarding the plan for hospital insurance. Membership entitles a person to a certain number of days free hospitalization during the year. Members are not taken singly, but in groups. There are special rates for family groups.

Any paid up member may enter any accredited hospital in North Carolina without question, and when he is dismissed his account will be settled in full by representatives of the association. There is no red tape connected with the administration of the plan, and none of the money paid in by members goes toward payment of officers. That is done by the Duke Foundation, whose leaders see in this new program a plan that will revolutionize the financial condition of our hospitals.

And that brings us nearer home. For the sake of our own Brunswick County Hospital we should like very much to see this hospitalization insurance started in Brunswick county. If proper interest is shown by a sufficient number of people we can get a state representative down here to explain the details of the plan.

Curbing Gossip

If there is any one thing Southport could get along better without it's gossipers. Not that we have any more of them than will be found in the average community, for there are probably as few here as in any other town of similar size. So long as there is even one gossiper, and one citizen willing to lend an ear, it is a matter of regret to every good citizen of

the community.

It has been a good many years since the Pilgrim Fathers conducted a "ducking stool" for gossipers, but the need for such punishment did not disappear with the Pilgrims. They abolished the "ducking stool" but they did not abolish gossiping, for today it exists to the detriment and unhappiness of practically every community, regardless of its size or the high character of its citizenship.

Since it is impossible to stamp out this detestable habit by law—and gossiping is a habit of the very worst form—then the cure would seem to be for everyone to sit down hard on the man or woman of loose tongue. Turning a deaf ear will prove effective. There would not be so much gossiping if the gossipers couldn't find anyone to listen to them. And there would be fewer characters besmirched and reputations wrecked if everyone would openly denounce the gossiper and refuse to repeat the scandal he circulates.

The Dangerous Walker

"Dangerous walking" is inseparable from the auto-accident situation.

Authentic information indicates that 55 per cent of all pedestrian deaths are due in some measure to the fault of the pedestrian. In these cases, the walker isn't the innocent victim he is usually pictured, but definitely contributes to his own doom.

Five simple and practical things the pedestrian can do to keep the Dark Angel at a safe distance are suggested:

First, obey traffic signals the same as good drivers do.

Second, learn the laws and ordinances in effect in state and city to regulate traffic from the pedestrian's point of view—his rights and his duties.

Third, having done this, the pedestrian is in a position to demand a better acceptance of their obligations by drivers.

Fourth, take a greater interest in traffic problems, and especially in the placement and operation of traffic signals and pedestrian islands.

Fifth, it will be found through these studies that major reductions in the number and severity of accidents to pedestrians can be easily achieved.

The man on foot must contribute his share to the cause of safety, as well as the man at the wheel. Many pedestrians believe they should be allowed to commit almost any traffic error. The sad results of that notion are found in the daily accident figures.

National Defense

We are inclined to concur with the view of the Charlotte Observer on the matter of our national defense. Says that paper:

"The President's request of Congress for a billion dollars for National defense will stun the extremists among the pacifist-minded—those who would resist war no matter what the cost in sacrifice or in morals.

"But it ought to satisfy the patriots. "There is no war-making note in the President's message.

"It is a straight-forward, intelligent move he advises made necessary by nothing this country has done, but by much that foreign nations would seem to be preparing to do against us.

"Money spent for such National defense is as legitimate as money spent for policemen on the streets of Charlotte.

"Who would care to live here without the knowledge that more than 100 guardians of the peace and property of our people stand guard at our doors?

"We must take the word of the President and his advisers as to the amount that is needed for this purpose. They ought to know, and can be trusted as competent to counsel as to what is reasonable and essential in the premises.

"Let's not be stood on our ears about this matter.

"It's regrettable, to be sure, that circumstances are such that this vast armament program commends itself to the wisdom of those whom the people have enthroned to take care of them in this and all other respects.

"There's no sense in being idealistic when the simple realistic judgment is necessary. Burying the head in the sand never changes the course of the danger."

Two heads are better than one. Especially if you're matching the other fellow's coin.

Then if Eve had turned over a new leaf, she'd possibly have set a new fashion.

The only thing about it, many a new wrinkle just means that you're getting older.

Just Among The Fishermen

(BY W. B. KEZIAH)

1937 SEASON OPEN

As is the case in most things relative to fishing, Postmaster L. T. Yaskell is our authority for the statement that the 1938 fishing season is open. He and Dr. L. C. Fergus and skipper George Myers went out the other day. By ill fortune the day they selected turned out to bring out to bring a cold north wind and rain. Nevertheless, they went and brought in three ice fellows as their reward for getting both cold and wet. The postmaster is already beginning to seriously question this department about securing an adequate supply of live minnows for big-mouth bass.

WEEK NOT SO GOOD

Last week was not so good for the shrimpers. The weather was bad, shrimp got scarce and, on top of that, the market price dropped from \$3.25 per bushel to \$2.50. This drop came as a result of the market having become flooded the previous week. The boatmen think that with a spell of open weather they will again find shrimp in plentiful numbers. It is noteworthy that Southport now has the largest shrimp fleet that has ever been assembled here at this season of the year.

FRANK CAME PROSPECTING

Frank L. Johnson, of Statesville, secretary-treasurer of the North Carolina Soft Drink Bottlers Association, came down last week to see his friends of last summer and see what the fishing prospects are for this year. Last summer was Frank's first fishing trip to Southport, and he liked it so much that he stayed about all summer. When he finally went home he and other Statesville sportsmen continued to show up about every week-end until early winter.

PLENTY OF BOATS

Sportsmen from up-state are here with advice that there will be a plentiful supply of party boats here this summer to take care of them and their friends. There will be more boats, and better ones, and the Civic Club will have a Fisherman's Bureau that intends to render every possible service to the visitors.

FIXING FOR SHAD

Preparations for the shad season, which will begin about the first of next month, have been in progress since Christmas. There will be quite a number of rigs operated off Southport. This having been an unusually cold fall and winter, the fishermen seem to think they will have a good shad season.

HUNTING VS FISHING

Not everybody realizes it, but Southport has an edge on most of the other sections of the state in the matter of being interesting to sportsmen. There lies an opportunity for Southport to reap a great deal of publicity and benefit from the state advertising. Along with many other things, the state has been extensively advertising both the game for the hunters and the fish for those who favor that sort of sport. Southport has the fish, all the year round. In summer it is better here than at any other point on the coast. Best of all, Southport people realize the fact there will always be as good fish in the sea as ever are caught. They do not resent people from other states coming to North Carolina to fish. They welcome such visitors and do everything in their power to make the stay pleasant and insure a return call. It is different with the hunters, here and elsewhere. Hunters all over North Carolina, and not excepting Southport, look with extreme disfavor on northern sportsmen coming in to kill the birds. The gist of the matter is that the state advertising of the North Carolina hunting failed to produce desirable recreation in North Carolina. It was different in the matter of salt water fishing. There are plenty of fish in the sea, and a cordial welcome for those who come to take them.

TWO MEN BOAT CREWS

It will be insisted this year by Southport people who are interested in the continued development of sport fishing that each and every boat that caters to fishing parties shall have at least two men capable of handling the boat on board for every trip. This is purely in the interest of safety. Someone must be on hand to take over, should the boat operator become ill, injured or otherwise incapacitated from bringing the craft in.

More accidents occur in the gymnasium than any other part of school buildings.

Castles were first built in England by the Norman conquerors. The Hindus regard the Ganges river as sacred.

OPEN FORUM

A column dedicated to opinions of the public. A mouthpiece for the views and observations of our friends and readers, for which we accept no responsibility. Contributions to this column must not exceed three hundred words.

January 10, 1938

Editor, State Port Pilot: Southport, N. C. Dear Editor:

In an editorial last week you spoke of the scarcity of quail and attributed this fact to hawks and foxes. We have no doubt but what much of the responsibility can be laid to the two marauders you mentioned. But, we think you overlooked what is by long odds the most destructive factor in the life of our game birds.

The greatest enemy that quail have is the common house cats that have gone wild and now roam the woods and fields. If you did not see any of these bird enemies on your hunting trip it was because they are sicker than a fox when it comes to slinking away at the approach of a man.

Cats rear large and numerous families. It is the general practice of householders to stuff the surplus of unwanted kittens in a sack and carry, or have some one to carry, them several miles out in the country and liberate them by the roadside. They not only survive by subsisting on bird life, they rear young of their own and these young continue the destructiveness of the parents.

You cannot drive for any distance in the country at night without seeing the shining eyes of some prowling cat that is in search of roosting and helpless birds.

We suggest that householders who have an interest in sport be urged to destroy all surplus kittens, instead of carrying them to the country where they become the most dangerous menace to feathered friends. At the same time it would not be a bad idea for all sportsmen to shoot every stray cat that they came across in the woods and fields.

Stop planting the seed of cat families by the roadside in the country and begin shooting those that already have been planted there. In a year or so you will note a marked increase in the number of quail.

Hawks and foxes are not the only criminals roaming the woods.

W. B. Keziah, Secretary Southport Civic Club

Winnabow News

Winnabow, Jan. 12—J. R. Fields and L. W. Dawkins spent last week-end in Chapel Hill and Mebane.

Mrs. S. W. Watts, of Southport, and R. B. Hodges and family of Wilmington, spent last Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Zibelin.

Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Duncan, of Wilmington, spent last Sunday with Misses Katie and Dixie Evans.

Lester Earp, Miss Doris Meade Council, Mrs. A. L. Council and Mrs. Wallace West, of Wilmington, visited Mrs. Earl Earp Monday afternoon.

Mrs. Preston Savage is spending sometime with her grandmother in Burlington.

Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Willetts, of Bolivia, were visitors here Tuesday evening.

Miss Edna Henry of Wilmington spent Tuesday night and Wednesday with her mother, Mrs. D. L. Henry.

Bruce Ludlum and Mrs. Garrett of Southport were callers here Thursday afternoon.

Miss Josie and Charlie Reid and J. W. Savage spent Wednesday morning in Wilmington.

Miss Pauline Lewis and grandfather, Mr. Joe Lewis, spent Friday afternoon in Southport.

Jesse Padgett, of Wilmington, was a visitor here on business Saturday afternoon.

Dr. Murchison, of Wilmington, Valle Frederic, of Southport, were visitors here Saturday hunting.

Mrs. Annie Brent, of Wilmington, visited the Foulkes this week.

Alfred and Charlie Flowers, of Wilmington, spent Sunday with their father, Fred Flowers, who is real sick. He is much improved friends will be glad to know.

There has been right much sickness here this week. Among the ones sick are Mrs. Mary Mitchell, Mrs. Nellie Walker, Mrs. Craven and daughter, Miss Josie Reid, Jack Taylor, J. L. Henry, Mrs. Odell Evans and Miss Hansy Williams.

Mr. and Mrs. R. O. Travis, of Whiteville, were callers here Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. I. A. H. Miller and wife of Leland, were visitors here Sunday evening.

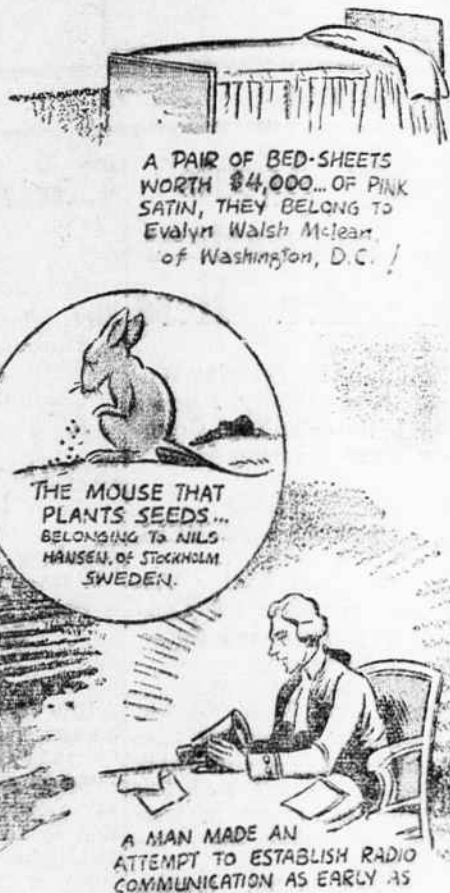
Barney Meshow and family have moved from Oaks Plantation to Kissimmee, Fla.

Mrs. Hattie Galloway and son, James, of Supply, visited her mother, Mrs. Lizzie Henry Sunday afternoon and evening.

G. R. Lewis left Monday afternoon for Morehead City on business.

The first state in the United States to have a motor fuel tax was Oregon.

But It's True



A PAIR OF BED-SHEETS WORTH \$4,000... OF PINK SATIN, THEY BELONG TO Evalyn Walsh McLean of Washington, D. C. THE MOUSE THAT PLANTS SEEDS... BELONGING TO NILS HANSEN OF STOCKHOLM SWEDEN. A MAN MADE AN ATTEMPT TO ESTABLISH RADIO COMMUNICATION AS EARLY AS 1301... James Henderson of Gloucester, England...

Freeland

Freeland, Jan. 11.—Woodroe Clemmons was a visitor in this vicinity Sunday afternoon. Miss Eva Milligan spent Saturday night with Miss Ora Mae Watts.

home of Mr. and Mrs. John Babson Sunday. Miss Nellie Thompson, of Wampee, is visiting Miss Annie Mae King. Miss Eloise Simmons and Zeno Inman were recently married. Miss Hazel Britt and George Smith, Jr., of Ash, were visitors in this vicinity Saturday.

M. B. Watts and son, Audrey, made a business trip to Wilm-Hughes, of Ash, are married.

Wilmington Wednesday. H. L. Wright also was in Wilmington Tuesday. Floyd King spent the New Year holidays with his parents. Frank Hayes, of Whiteville was in this vicinity Tuesday. It was will be of interest many in this vicinity that Miss Arlene Milligan and Thurston Hughes, of Ash, are married.

Mr. Business Man --- Inventory Time Is "Printing Time!"

- Check This List For Your Printing Needs: LETTERHEADS, ORDER BLANKS, ENVELOPES, SHIPPING TAGS, STATEMENTS, BUSINESS CARDS, BILLHEADS, FILING CARDS, BLOTTERS, CIRCULARS, SHIPPING LABELS, BANK CHECKS, BOOKLETS, TICKETS, WINDOW CARDS, HANDBILLS, POSTCARDS, CIRCULAR LETTERS, POSTERS, OFFICE FORMS

At this time, when you review the old and get set for the new give a thought to your Printing Needs . . . Perhaps your supply of Statements, Bill Heads, Stationery, Checks or Order Forms is running low . . . Whatever you need in the printing line for 1938, let Columbus' largest printing establishment serve you. Our Service Department will be more than happy to design and submit for your approval a new letterhead, blotter, office form or whatever you need that new type and new design might improve. There's no obligation or no charge for this layout service. But don't wait until you need a "rush job"; check your printing needs NOW and start the New Year with a fresh supply of modern printed forms!

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