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Synonyms: Isch Kabibble; I should worry; hit don't make no difference no-how.

The worst kind of second-guesser is the one who says "I told you so" either way a thing turns out.

**Booklets**

The advertising booklet recently printed under the auspices of the Southport Civic Club probably was the best single advertising effort ever attempted by citizens of this town. What is more, the influence of these booklets will be lasting.

Already visitors are coming here on fishing trips and for an overnight visit, saying that they had received and read one of the little booklets. This and other things lend promise to this being the best summer season of the past decade for Southport.

**Dry Weather**

It is hard to recall a longer dry spell than the one that is now parching the life from all growing crops and flowers in the immediate vicinity of Southport.

The last shower—less than a quarter of an inch—fell here on May 14. Prior to that there had been no rainfall since the last week in April. Needless to say, there is plenty of evidence of drought.

From a practical point of view, however, it is fortunate that none of the agricultural sections of the county have experienced this kind of weather. In practically all other sections there have been showers when they were needed.

Which leads one to wonder what is wrong with Southport. About the only answer we know is that rain springs up from the water passes over before it begins to fall, and that clouds which start inland rain themselves out before they reach the coast.

**Titles**

The other day the pastor of one of the Southport churches told us that he wanted to express his appreciation to us for knowing the proper title for referring to a minister.

"I notice," he said, "that you always write 'the Rev. Mr.' instead of the customary 'Rev.' The latter isn't exactly good usage, and I'm glad that you know it."

We thanked the parson, for it was a pleasure to us for someone to take the trouble one time to tell us that we were right about something instead of always reminding us of our errors.

The next day our caller came again to see us, bringing along this time the following little verse which illustrates perfectly what he meant:

Call me Parson, if you will;  
Call me Brother—better still.  
Or if, perchance, the Catholic frill  
Doth your heart with longing fill—  
Though plain Mister fills the bill,  
If that title lacketh thrill—  
Then even Father brings no chill  
Of hurt or rancor or ill-will.

To no D. D. do I pretend,  
Though Doctor doth some honor lend.  
Preacher, Pastor, Rector, Friend,  
Titles almost without end,  
Never grate and ne'er offend;  
A loving ear to all I bend.  
But how the man my heart doth rend  
Who blithely calls me "Reverend!"  
—From the Diocesan Record,  
Atlanta, Ga.

**Right Idea**

Although the report last week that Fort Caswell had been sold to a group of Florida capitalists was unfounded upon fact, the resulting interest brought to light the following friendly editorial in The Wilmington Star:

"Reported sale of the Fort Caswell property to a group of Florida capitalists interests Wilmington which is beginning to visualize the mouth of the river a

greater winter and summer resort development.

"The possibilities are unlimited. Fort Caswell offers to the winter visitor an even more attractive layout than Pinehurst in many respects, and when combined with Wilmington, the setting is ideal for a year round system.

"It has long been the contention of this newspaper that the best interests of Wilmington and Southport lie in their whole-hearted co-operation. Together, they can proceed at a pace that will make the lower Cape renown over the country and world."

Mr. Lamont Smith, editor of The Star, has the right idea about the development of this section. If jealousy and distrust could be cast out of the relations existing between Brunswick and New Hanover counties, then, indeed, would this lower Cape Fear region of North Carolina come into its own as the outstanding all-year playground of the South.

**Country Newspapers**

Arthur Brisbane, who died last year, was one of the strongest supporters of country newspapers as an advertising medium who ever lived. In a letter to James Fort Forsyth, editor and publisher of the North Muskegon, Mich., News, in April, 1935, he wrote:

"The readers of the smaller newspapers scattered all over the United States, form the most important body of thinking Americans in this country. The readers of the smaller newspapers have time to think. They have neighbors whom they know intimately, with whom they discuss public matters. They know that the sky, the stars, the moon, the green fields, the changing seasons, are realities. They actually see them. You cannot say that for many dwellers in great cities.

"The editors of the smaller newspapers constitute a national intellectual police force that keeps a great majority of the 130,000,000 Americans informed as to public happenings.

"It was said in Greece long ago that no country could retain its liberty if it grew so big that the population could not gather in the public square and hear the statesmen making their reports direct to the people.

"The editorial page of a modern newspaper, particularly the smaller newspaper, has taken the place of the ancient public square. On those editorial pages, Americans are informed, warned, protected. The national welfare demands the welfare of a great number of smaller newspapers, infinitely more important and influential in proportion to circulation than the great metropolitan dailies.

"I need not tell you that I have no self-interest in any newspaper, through ownership or otherwise.

"Addressing you as publisher, I should emphasize, as I have often done, the fact that the local newspaper is entitled to prosperity, to a full share of advertising, on its business merits alone.

"People in a great city often live with a can opener and elevators as their chief assistants.

"The reader of the smaller newspaper is usually one who lives a complete life. He does not find things 'ready made.' He buys everything, from the roof on the house to the cement on the cellar floor. It is he who creates the giant automobile industry, radio industry, and a dozen others.

"If the great advertisers of the United States could be made to realize the extraordinary power and advertising value of the local newspapers, the publishers of such newspapers would be rewarded financially as they deserve to be."

The average American citizen is worth 98 cents, we're told. But isn't that rather high for some of them?

Practically the only way some people like to fish is to cast about for a compliment.

Handshakes spread disease, but that's the risk that politicians have to pay for getting votes.

If all the unpleasant noises were gathered together you'd have one of these extra hotcha musical numbers.

A word to the wise is sufficient, but then at the same time there are a lot of foolish people, perhaps.

Few people are satisfied with their photographs. Most photographers are expected to be artists as well.

Fellows who think they are the big cheese might take warning—Rats love cheese.

**Our Washington LETTER**

(By National Editorial Ass'n.)

Washington, June 9.—Ghosts of the Blue Eagle as noted in the Administration's new bill to regulate wage and hours continue to plague Congressional minds at current hearings on this pending legislation. Other issues are subordinated for the moment. Despite denials by sponsors that the latest attempt to regiment industry and trade under the thumb of a government agency has no connection with the earlier idea, the suspicion persists that the project has all the identification marks which led to the interment of the NRA under an unanimous decision of the Supreme Court in the famous Schechter case. Developments at the open sessions of the joint committee indicate that the measure may be revised, but the chances favor its enactment before adjournment. The lawmakers are anxiously pressing for a vote before the country has time to realize the full implications of the plan on the every day life of the employer and the employee. They know full well that raising one ghost often puts a whole church yard in motion and explanations are difficult when the home folks express bewilderment.

The fanfare and trumpeting over the Connery-Black bill is inspired in part by politics and probably by a honest desire to better the living conditions of workers employed at sub-standard rates of pay. It is estimated that the provisions of the legislation cover 12 million workers and the effect would be to raise the income of at least three million by prescribing certain standards having the force of statutes. There is a division of opinion within the Administration wing as to exemptions for small businesses employing 14 or less employees. Secretary of Labor Perkins feels they should not be exempted because this freedom from government control would encourage chiseling in wages and prices.

Another hot-poker for the politicians is the question of different wage scales in the North and South and the effect on competition within any industry. An official survey of hourly entrance rates paid common laborers in 20 industries shows a variation from a low of ten cents to a high of one dollar. On the average the starting pay of common labor ranged from 22.5 cents to 62.5 cents per hour. Imagine the plight of a solon tinkering with these wage scales in all sections of the country. The relatively high concentration of Negro common laborers in low-wage areas is complicating the partisan issue as Southerners occupy places of power in Congress and far outnumber their brethren from other sections. Therefore, all this talk about "geographical differentials" is so much political dynamite. It is a subject that figured prominently in code-making and will prove a sore spot if left to the caprice of a five-man board answerable only to the President.

The word has been passed that the White House has concluded its series of "messages to Congress." With signs of retreat on the court reform issue increasingly clear, optimistic legislators look forward to closing the curtain sometime in July. The exact date of departure depends on the speed which marks the passage of "must" measures or proposals which the President wants to the exclusion of minor matters. Mr. Roosevelt may chalk up a victory on a subject which has little or no opposition—revenue amendments to reach tax evaders. These types would find it difficult to rig a defense so that this triumph of the Chief Executive will come without much argument. Sectional controversies are likely to halt his latest plan for broad control of flood and power resources may complicate the quick fulfillment of the program because several million citizens are stock-holders in these private enterprises already reputedly ham-strung by government competition and rigid regulation. Opinion is growing that eventually the Federal government will be engaged in producing and selling power in all sections of the country by extending the TVA theory.

The ringing of the last bell for the school term this month provides a problem for employment agencies and Federal relief officials. Private industry, faced with the prospect of government standards for maximum hours and minimum wages is not encouraged to take on inexperienced help direct from schools and colleges. The National Youth Administration carried nearly a half million students on a payroll costing \$3,000,000 monthly during the nine-months school season. Now they are turned loose to look for private jobs, which will make the competition keener for the unemployed adults, especially the unskilled types.

The Federal government was pleased a year ago when the Supreme Court upheld their claims against the Georgia Power Company. This week finds the Department of Justice in the unenviable position of having their same court procedure, which won a case, used against them by attorneys for the Aluminum Corporation in seeking to make permanent an injunction restraining the government from its long

**Just Among**

**The Fishermen**  
(BY W. B. KEZIAH)

**Striking**  
Mackerel are striking better every day. And when they do strike they put up such a fight that they are usually hauled aboard with a broken neck, sustained by the violence of their own struggles to regain their liberty. This matter of getting their necks broken is a rule, rather than an exception, especially when the hook happens to get them in the lower jaw.

**Boat Shortage**  
Coming down last Thursday with the intention of going fishing, R. S. Spratt, of Charlotte, C. C. Dawson, of Crammerton, and Robert Jackson, of Belmont, could not find a boat available. They accordingly, spoke for one this week, and returned home with the expectation of being all set when they come back here.

**Good Time Anyway**  
John Grant, of Valdese, Glenn and Marion Stillwell, of Thomasville, and Ben Harrison, of High Point, took the weather as they found it and went out on the Eva Mae with Skipper Tony McKeithan Saturday morning. They made no great catch, but it is understood that some members of the party got a good dose of seasickness.

**Maldemere**  
With four of his passengers getting good and seasick just as soon as they got outside Saturday, Skipper H. T. Bowmer had to return to port very early and with a small catch. As a matter of fact, the catch was the smallest any of his parties have made this year, consisting principally of mackerel. Those in the party were, W. H. Clegg, I. G. Harris, Sr., Bill Weatherly, C. V. Whitely, O. A. Wiggins, Tom Anthony, Tom Walton, I. G. Harris, Jr., and Geo. T. Keene, all of Dunn, and Dr. H. W. Caldwell, of Raleigh.

**Comparison**  
A. J. Rinck, one of the right hand men of S. O. Chase, who is now spending a month at Fort Caswell, was telling us eloquently, on Saturday, of how he and a party caught 110 pounds of Kingfish in the Gulf of Mexico in three hours. This reminded us of a negro who once sold a rabbit for 20 cents, against the protest of a companion who said he could get 25 cents for it in Charlotte.

**Quoting**  
B. O. Chatham and H. A. Medlin, of Raleigh, spent part of the past week here fishing. To quote former State Auditor Baxter Durham, who introduced them, "They are darned poor fishermen but good sports."

**A Tip**  
Here's a tip for some fishing party that fears seasickness or is too stung to hire a boat: A fellow can catch yellow tails by the hundreds with pole and cork line, fishing from the trestle of the W. B. & S. spur track to the fish factories, two miles below Southport. The said yellow tails are small, but afford fine sport.

**Menhaden**  
Six of the menhaden boats are now at work for the two local factories and have been bringing in fair catches. The boats are, the Southport and the Alert, employed by the Phillips factory. The Storm King, Lynhaven, John M. Morehead and W. P. Anderson for the Brunswick Navigation Company.

**Flounders**  
One recipe for catching flounders is to take a pitchfork and wade, or row a boat around in shallow waters, prodding on the bottom with said pitchfork. When you feel something active going on in the water, slide your arm and hand down and lift him out. Sometimes it may be a flounder weighing nine or ten pounds.

**Happy Days**  
These are happy days for Southport's numerous colored fishermen, employed on menhaden boats. "Grub" on the boats is plentiful, they are making a little money and usually the catch includes all the fine, edible fish that they want to take home at night for the consumption of their families.

**Different**  
Many people come from inland points to go fishing and bring with them ideas of the method of procedure that are totally different from what the salt-water folks are accustomed to. Some insist that the point of their hook must be covered or the fish will see it and not bite. As a matter of fact, the very best way of catching blue fish and mackerel is to use no bait at all on your hook. A two inch long strip of

crusade against this company for alleged violations of the anti-trust statutes. Notwithstanding the irony of the situation the Federal agency is waging a strong court contest.



Small man: "Ya can't be too careful in a place like this"

white cloth running through the eye of the hook and fastened so it will not slip out is all the bait that is needed for an active days work.

**Turtle Eggs**  
It is getting in season for turtle egg hunting along the coast water. By digging where she of Brunswick, Bald Head Island stopped to turn around you can offers some special inducements find about a peck of eggs.

for this. The old turtles waddle up on the sandy shore, leaving a track as wide as a gasoline drum is long. She stops, scoops out a hole with her flippers, lays about 50 eggs, rakes the sand over them, then waddles back to the egg hunting along the coast water. By digging where she of Brunswick, Bald Head Island stopped to turn around you can offers some special inducements find about a peck of eggs.

**River Fishing**  
Some trout and many croakers and pig fish are beginning to bite in the river waters, especially at the pig fish grounds, opposite Fort Caswell. Capt. I. B. Russell is understood to have made a nice catch over there one (Continued on Page four)

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