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You'll notice that even in society it is usually the cat that is always claiming she smells a rat.

From the looks of some of the pictures you see in the paper we have concluded that most men have entirely too few photos taken.

Must Pay Sales Tax

The other day we saw a copy of a letter from one of the leading mail order houses to a customer telling her that retailers engaged in business in this state are required to collect a sales tax on all merchandise sales, whether by mail or over the counter.

Thus is removed one of the incentives contributing to an unreasonably large volume of mail order business that goes out of Brunswick county annually, and robs our home merchants of trade they rightfully deserve.

Hitlerian Tactics Here

To put it bluntly, it is clear that certain powerful labor leaders have one aim in mind: To make it impossible for any man to obtain a job, any man to earn a living, unless he belongs to a labor union.

In pursuing that goal, these leaders will use any weapon that comes to hand. They will call strikes in defense industries, apparently not caring a whit that the country's security and safety are thereby imperiled.

The callous disregard certain labor leaders have shown for government itself in this time of grave crisis indicates the way the wind blows. They make totally unjustified and impossible demands on industry on an "or else!" basis.

Let this state of affairs go on long enough, and the country will be helpless. A few fat-salaried labor leaders will rule this country as surely as Hitler rules his Reich.

Fire In The Forest

We are now in the midst of the vacation season, and that has always produced a ghastly fire waste of our timber resources. Fire in the forest is worse than almost any other kind of fire.

Man-made fire in the forest is almost always preventable. It results from man's ignorance, man's carelessness, man's thoughtlessness. All the laws in the world are powerless unless full public support and cooperation is given them.

One of the prime causes of forest fires is smoking. A family on a holiday drives through the woods, thoughtlessly throwing matches and cigarette butts from the car.

Carelessness with camp fires is still another major cause of fire. Here again, the rules of safety are simple. Never leave a fire. Smother the ashes with water and earth.

One of America's greatest resources is its tall timber. It is the basis of a great employing industry which is vital to national defense. It is the source of pleasure and recreation for millions. Help to preserve it.

Surprising Russians

In wars, as in horse races, the long shot occasionally upsets the dope and comes through for a win. Some of the experts are now cautiously hazarding the guess that this may prove true of the Russians.

When the German-Russian war began, the bulk of the military authorities reluctantly agreed that Hitler was probably right when he said that it would be over in six weeks. Those six weeks and more have now passed, and the Russians, instead of retreating in confusion, are said to be planning gigantic counter-attacks.

Germany has not lost the Russian war. It would not come as any great surprise if Hitler's forces yet succeeded in taking Moscow, Leningrad and other key cities. But these would be hollow victories unless, at the same time, Hitler was able to destroy Russian military power.

Best of all, from the British-American point of view, is the apparent fact that Germany is suffering terrific losses. On August 2, the Russians claimed that 1,500,000 Reich troops had been killed, wounded or captured.

It also seems unquestioned that Germany has lost vast quantities of aircraft and mechanized equipment—and has consumed immense amount of oil, that most precious of war materials.

At the beginning, British spokesmen had little to say of Russian chances. They were frankly skeptical. Now they are saying that the Russians have actually stopped the Germans, and that there is no possibility of the campaign ending before the winter rains set in.

In time, news of the German reverses and losses is bound to seep through to the German people, no matter how much baloney Dr. Gobbels puts out through press and radio. Then, think some, German morale will start to crack.

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Just Among The FISHERMEN

Once upon a time there was an angler who went fishing for a seat in the U. S. Senate and his favorite bait was that the incumbent had married a rich woman and was eating caviar, while the candidate and the voters were eating fishroe.

John Derr, sports editor of The Greensboro Daily News, has fallen from grace with us. He came to town incog last Sunday; and while it doesn't matter much that we did not see him, it matters a great deal that he did not go fishing.

This is hardly the place to write an obituary, but because he loved fishing so much, along with his love of Southport, we are moved to express the hope that our friend, Frank Link Johnson of Statesville, has found fine fishing and hosts of new friends in that other land to which he was called so suddenly last week.

It is not exactly sport, it's work, at the same time the business of the shore fisheries along the coast of Brunswick is an extremely interesting vocation. The fishermen may have a fairly good idea of what their long nets will contain when they are dragged out on the beach.

When Carl Goerch was here with us the other day he manifested a lot of interest in fishing and shrimping. Funny thing about Carl is that while we know him to be greatly interested in his going fishing and we do not believe the sport is listed among the accomplishments in which he is well versed. We just can't connect him much with fishing.

Our good friend Jimmie Stuber, secretary of the Outdoor Writers Association of America, must be beginning to entertain pleasing recollections of his visit to Southport last fall. Jimmie's home is in Ohio. Twice this week we have had letters from Cincinnati, from sportsmen, asking about our fall fishing. In each instance Jimmie had told the writers of the letters something about things down here.

By way of a letter from Captain Victor P. Lance, we learn that the Torobill will be heading back to Southport before very long from Ocean City. Skipper Lance said that Bob Wilson of The Washington Times-Herald and J. Hammond Brown of The Baltimore News-Post had both been at Ocean City in the past few days and both of them bragged on Southport. For that matter Brown, who is president of the OWAA, wrote us this past week and said he was homesick to be at Southport. This time he didn't ask us to kiss Emma Lou for him. From which we sort of gather that he is coming down himself.

Jimmie Briggs, who gets his picture in the WRAL booklet, "The Voice of the Capitol City," sends us a copy autographed to "My Pal," which is about the same way in which Mrs. Commodore Vanderbilt autographed a picture of the Alva before presenting it to us in recognition of our having slapped her on the back and told her she was darn nice for a country girl.

Three weeks ago Charlie Farrell of Greensboro was down here on a fishing trip and he solemnly promised us that in just two weeks he and Mrs. Farrell were coming to Southport for a two weeks stay. Three weeks have gone by and we haven't heard a thing about that promised trip.

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Personals

Carlton Holden, of Georgetown, S. C., spent the week-end here with friends.

Richard Lewis, who has been making trips on a ship to South Africa, has returned home.

Mr. and Mrs. Edson Barringer and son, Edson, Jr., who have been visiting at the home of C. R. Livingston, have returned to their home in New Orleans, La.

Chas. Swann, of Charleston, S. C., is spending this week here with his family.

Miss Louise Cumbee, of Wilmington, is visiting Miss Robbie Woodside.

Orvell Willis, of Georgetown, S. C., spent the week-end here with his family.

Mrs. Preston Bryant is spending this week with friends in Florida.

Capt. and Mrs. Sam F. Watts and two daughters, Lois and Aileen, and son, Frankie, who have been visiting Mrs. Lanie South-erland, have returned to their home in Staten Island, N. Y.

Miss Josephine Smith left Monday for Washington, D. C., where she will visit her brother, Ned Smith.

Mrs. Herbert Rogers left Sunday for Camden, N. J., where she will visit her sister, Mrs. Bertram Burris.

Mr. and Mrs. John P. Lewis and children, of Wilmington, spent the week-end here with relatives.

Miss Gladys Dozier, of Fayetteville, spent the week-end here with her sisters, Misses Margaret and Edna Dozier.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Lee Aldridge, of Wilmington, spent Sunday here with Mrs. Lee Aldridge.

Miss Robbie Woodside, who has been employed in Wilmington, returned home Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. George Barringer and son, Bob, of New Orleans, La., who have been visiting at the home of C. R. Livingston, returned home Monday.

Mrs. Arthur L. Brown and young daughter, Betty, who have been visiting at the home of Rev. and Mrs. A. L. Brown for the past week, left Friday for Goldsboro, where they will visit relatives before returning to their home in Charlotte.

John F. Potter and his sons, Monroe and Ralph, who are shrimping in Georgetown, S. C., spent the week-end here with their families.

Dan Shannon has accepted a position with the Atlantic Coast Line in Wilmington.

I. D. Harrelson, of Winnabow, spent Sunday here with friends.

Miss Joyce-Ramsey, who has been visiting Miss Dolores Hewett for the past few weeks, returned to her home in Wilmington Monday.

A. T. McKeithan, of Ft. Bragg, spent the week-end here with his mother, Mrs. Elizabeth McKeithan.

Mr. and Mrs. S. F. Taylor and children, of Whiteville, and guests Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Wallace and sons, of Norfolk, Va., spent Monday afternoon at Fort Caswell and Southport.

Miss Anne Taylor, of Dunn, is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Ruark.

Joe Ruark, Jr., of Philadelphia, is spending his vacation here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Ruark.

Misses Katherine and Sophie Ann Johnson, of Winnabow, were visitors here Tuesday.

Mrs. J. H. Stone and Mrs. Ralph Hall, of Wilmington, visited relatives here on Tuesday.

Mrs. K. P. McDonald and son, Kenneth, Jr., have returned to Gainesville, Fla., after spending ten days here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Ruark.

The I. E. Bussells have as their guests Misses Mary, Virginia and Zipporah Rice, Mrs. V. A. Rice, and Dave Meade, of Amhurst, Mass.; Mrs. Rene Lanier, of Columbia, South America; and Mrs. H. G. Lehw and son, Gordon, of Wilmington, Delaware.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry S. Goodwin and sons, Henry, Jr., and Stuart, left Friday for their home in Farnwood, N. J., after visiting Mrs. Goodwin's mother, Mrs. Alex Lind.

Miss Katharine Johnson of Winnabow spent Tuesday here with Mr. and Mrs. C. Ed. Taylor.

Mrs. Joe Young, Jr., and two children, of Pearson, Ga., arrived last week for a visit with relatives.

Mrs. Paul Messick returned to her home in Morgan City last week, making the return trip by airplane from Charlotte.

Mrs. Irene Batson and Miss Elmeda Watts of Baltimore, Mrs. Sudie Naylor and two children, Mrs. Katie Stockley and Mrs. Christine Price and children, Letha, Rosy Lee and Robert Price, Jr., of Wilmington visited Mrs. Dora McDowell Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Jelks and daughter, Peggy, of Winstboro, S. C., were visitors of Mrs. Martin McCall here the first of the week.

14 hunting and fishing editors. This reminds us that we would like to have matter of this nature from all sections of Brunswick county. If you have an interesting experience with a fish, or catch an unusual one, send or tell us the details of the incident right away. The same thing applies to hunting stories.

NOT EXACTLY NEWS

With no thought of irreverence we wish to express the hope that Frank L. Johnson is as happy in the World Beyond as he was when he shed his business and social fetters and came to Southport for periodic sessions on the Whittier's Bench. This Statesville man, who was a loyal friend of this community, died last week . . . We hope there'll be no demand for its use by any Brunswick county people, but today we received a bulletin from the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis, Inc., giving the location and ownership of respirators, equipment that is of vital use in fighting this disease. Our nearest place is Wilmington at James Walker.

State Treasury Chas. M. Johnson, Secretary of State Thad Eure and Senator James H. Clark of Bladen county were in the county on business last week, and at noon were guests of Judge Walter M. Stanaland at a regular fish camp dinner served on the banks of the inland waterway. Featured dishes were stewed clams and rice and fish stewed with "mummy" potato. Mrs. Stanaland, having none too much faith in the judge's provisions for this meal, brought down some home made cornbread, which was turned down by the hungry guests for some of the out-door oven-baked bread . . . Lt. R. I. Mintz, who reported Saturday for duty with the Barrage Balloon school at Camp Davis, now has his wings. The Barrage Balloon unit is a branch of the Army Air Corps.

Above we referred to a "mummy" potato. Until Judge Stanaland told us about his out-door dinner

we had never heard the term, didn't know it was. Maybe we were the only persons in the county ignorant of this fact, but in case there are others, a "mummy" potato is one that has been planted for the purpose of growing from which plants are taken. The big potato being a new lease on life, puts on a second growth and sometimes reaches enormous proportions . . . If plans for a dance for this fall through, the next—and probably the last chance will be for Saturday night before Labor Day.

"That Uncertain Feeling" in which Merle Oberon listens to the sweet melodies of Melvyn Douglas and Burgess Meredith is the feature for Wednesday and Thursday at the theatre. That curtailed crew over on the island had a tough time of it last week with only two present for a sheep-shearing. Gene Lewis was the crank while Charlie Mathews straddled struggling animals and laid on with the boys lost as much hide as the sheep shed.

The tennis season continues, with David and Robert Thompson comprising a combination that other double's teams are hard to whip . . . A recent new business development will see the pool parlor moved into a building next to the theatre . . . Mr. Clemmons, who spent fifty falls on the banks of Brunswick fishing, only goes to the fall now when he wants a mess of fish. This is always a welcomed visitor.

Winnabow News

Mrs. Nellie Walker of Hamlet and Mrs. S. O. Craven and little daughter, Nell, of Monks Corner, S. C., who have been visiting Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Zibelin for the last week returned Monday to Hamlet.

Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Hunter of Deland, Fla., Mrs. J. W. Clardy, of Wilmington, Harry Leach, of Texas, and Miss Nellie Willetts spent Thursday with Miss Elizabeth Grimley at Elizabethtown.

L. O. Sellers and family spent the week end in Andrews with relatives.

James Padgett, who is in Government service in Newport, R. I., is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Padgett here.

Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Freeman and Hardee Mills of Charleston, S. C., spent the week end with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Freeman and Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Mills.

Mr. and Mrs. Bennie Futrell and little daughter Barbara and Miss Glynn Futrell of Charleston, S. C., spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Mills.

Roger W. Willetts returned Sunday from attending Summer school at Wake Forest.

Mr. and Mrs. John L. Tharp of Wilmington spent Sunday evening with Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Zibelin.

R. H. Lanier, of Wallace, was a visitor here Tuesday.

CROWDED OUT LAST WEEK Roy Kye and John William Savage spent the week end in Winston-Salem. While there they visited Blowing Rock and Boone

and Mountain City, Tenn. Adrian Phelps accompanied them to Franklinville and spent the week end with friends there.

M. B. Robbins, Jr., of Nashville, Tenn. visited his parents Mr. and Mrs. M. B. Robbins, Sr., here last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert and children of Macon, Ga., were visitors here Monday enroute to visit relatives at Supply.

Louis Goodman of Wilmington was a visitor here Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Potter and little daughter of Little Rock, Ark., and Miss Eva Belle Potter of Charlotte arrived Monday to visit J. C. Potter and family.

Mrs. Robert McKenzie and little daughter, Anne, of Goldsboro, visited Mr. and Mrs. Rex Wunderlich this week.

M. Nowickie and Bobbie Adams of Jamaica, N. Y. are visiting Mrs. Nancy Swain and family.

YOUR HOME AGENT SAYS

SCHEDULE OF CLUB MEETINGS

- Thursday, August 21, Blowing Rock Club picnic at Hills Beach—3 p. m.
Monday, August 25, Statesville Club—Mrs. May Russ at 2:30 p. m.
Tuesday, August 26, Lockport Folly—Mrs. Eunice Vatum at 8 p. m.
Service Club—Holler's Bar at 7 p. m.

BUDGETED BUYING

Money will go farther than you think if only you will plan your spending. Make a list of the things you need, and bring it to our store. When you have purchased these articles of merchandise you'll likely discover that you have saved enough to buy many more things that you'll see and want.

I. J. HAWES STANDARD OIL PRODUCTS Supply, N. C.

WARNING

All persons now living on property for which Brunswick County holds the deed will be dispossessed on October 1, 1941, unless a satisfactory agreement has been reached with members of the Board of County Commissioners.

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