

# Everybody Wants to Be an Author

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A waiter was fired from a New York restaurant. His boss—when the waiter appealed—said the fellow spent more time eyeing customers coldly and making notes than he did slinging escargots a la bourgogne (it was a very nice restaurant). Seems the man was gathering material for a book.

Twice in two days, lately, I've been a passenger in taxis when the cabbies, without urging, confided to me that they had both written books of their experiences driving around the city. One fellow wondered if it meant a certain publisher had accepted his

writers, hitherto happily churning out their specialized ops, who have discovered a lazy man's method of becoming book authors. They just read over their old pieces, and paste a selection of them together with explanatory introductions on how come they wrote them. Lo, they have books under their belts.

Indisputably it's smart to be the author of a book today. But things also are coming to the point where book-writing primarily is an occupation of non-writers.

The business of putting thoughts on paper seems to be one of a very few occupations which requires little or no prior preparation. If you're an anthropologist who's discovered a new recipe for shrinking heads, or a celebrity-hunter with a memory for anecdotes, all you have to do is rent a portable and start sorting out adjectives. That makes you an author.

Of course, fiction remains a field open to professional writers alone. It's a rare autobiographer who ventures into the plot-and-climax area where one is judged by one's handiwork alone. An exception is a woman who wrote her memoirs, and then had to turn all the "I said" place into "Jane said," and swing a lot of real names into made-up ones. The reason was that her publishers were afraid of libel suits. But the book hasn't gone so well.

Somebody said that every living soul has at least one book in him. It seems to me that before more than a couple of years are past, there will be very few people left with said stories simmering and seething in their minds. Publishers will run out of rejection slips, and the public will be surfeit of personal story, personal opinion and interpretation.

Then will come the day when we'll return to professionals of the pen and pencil, whose whole training is to turn out an impersonal, entertaining story.

Meanwhile, it's pretty embarrassing for anyone who has any connection with the writing business to admit one never has managed to whip out at least 60,000 words around a single subject. Thank goodness, the newspaper business remains full of dreamy souls who always are going to write a book—tomorrow.

I know a hairdresser who rushes home after putting the last pin curl in place and notes down all the gossip and big names he's heard all day. He's getting ready to do a memoir. Ball players, tennis players, theatrical people, impoverished nobility, ladies who have married famous men, men who have married famous ladies, stevedores, hotel keepers, jailbirds, all the politicians and the Roosevelts apparently are bending over steaming hot typewriters, pouring out their souls.

It seems years since I've met anyone who didn't have a book in the process of creation. Fortunately, we've seen the end of the cycle of war correspondents' books. The ex-war correspondents seem to be the ones who now take a quick 10-day look-around in the scenes of past glory and return to write a definitive expose of conditions.

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manuscript when it hadn't been returned within two weeks. The other wanted to know if I knew the name of a good publisher, because HIS manuscript had just come back with a rejection slip.

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News from

## BAY VIEW

Aug. 24 — Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Winberry and children, Johnnie and Barry of Gaffney South Carolina are spending a few days with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Laurence Dixon and daughter of New Bern were weekend guests of Mr. and Mrs. Gilford Cannon.

Mrs. John D. Brown, Misses Norma Lou Skinner and Pearl Small gave a party Monday night in honor of Miss Johnnie Winberry.

Mr. and Mrs. Lon Lilly of Vanceboro spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Lilly.

Mr. and Mrs. Gilford Cannon and son James spent a while Sunday at South River.

Mrs. John D. Brown, Mrs. W. C. Williams, Misses Betty Williams, Norma Lou Skinner, Pearl Small and Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Small attended funeral services for Mr. Jude Small at Core Creek Friday afternoon.

Mrs. Charlie Garner and daughter Misses Jean, Jane and Joan Garner of Newport spent a while Sunday in the community.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Smith and family and Mrs. P. D. Smith of Swansboro spent a while recently with Mr. and Mrs. Gilford Cannon.

Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Jones and daughter, Kay spent a while recently with Mr. and Mrs. Michael Mendarella of Providence, Rhode Island.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Haskett spent a while Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Mason.

Mrs. Mitchell Withering and family and Mrs. Clarke of Cherry Point spent a while recently with Mrs. Gilford Cannon.

Miss Louise Jones is spending a few days with Mrs. Cal Whaley of Morehead City.

Jesse Small U. S. C. G. spent a while with his family during the week.

Mrs. Nannie Spent a while last week in the community with relatives.

Miss Jessie Powell of Russell Creek spent a few days last week in the community with relatives.

Rev. Ernest Douthit will hold his regular appointment at the Bay View Baptist Church Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Kelly Haskett and son, David, spent Sunday at Swansboro, with Mr. and Mrs. N. S. Conway.

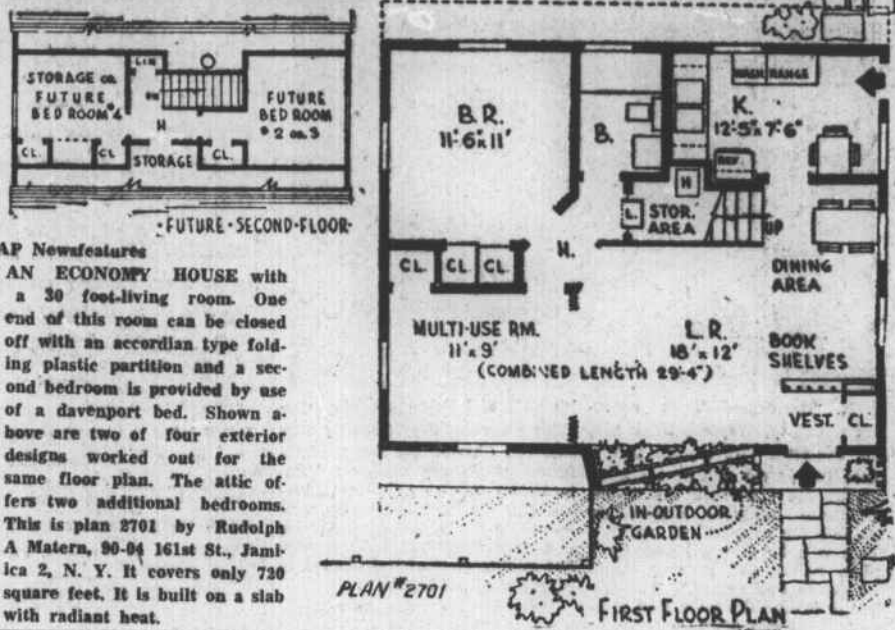
Mr. James Skinner and Miss Norma Lou Skinner attended church services at Russell's Creek.

Mr. and Mrs. Leo Peterson and family of Cherry Point and Goldsboro spent Tuesday with Mr. and Mrs. Gilford Cannon.

Mrs. W. C. Williams and family spent a while Monday in Beaufort.

Mrs. Sam Prescott of Newport spent a while Sunday in the community.

# HOMES FOR AMERICANS



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## AN ECONOMY HOUSE

with a 30 foot-living room. One end of this room can be closed off with an accordion type folding plastic partition and a second bedroom is provided by use of a davenport bed. Shown above are two of four exterior designs worked out for the same floor plan. The attic offers two additional bedrooms.

This is plan 2701 by Rudolph A. Maters, 80-04 161st St., Jamaica 2, N. Y. It covers only 730 square feet. It is built on a slab with radiant heat.

News from

## DAVIS

Aug. 24 — Mrs. Jack MacManus and daughter Maureen of New Bern are spending two weeks with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Murphy.

Mrs. Irdele Willis of Wilmington is visiting her sister, Mrs. H. H. Davis.

Mrs. Loyde Davis and daughter Melba Ruth spent the week-end at Crab Point with her mother.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Noe of Beaufort visited her sister Mrs. Joe Davis and family over the week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. Gaston Smith of Atlantic spent Sunday with her parents.

Mrs. Wardie (Brother) Murphy and daughter Debbie are spending this week with her mother at Sea Level.

Miss Darlene Matthews of Ienogville was the house guest last week of Miss Audrey Davis.

Mr. Otis Murphy and daughter Cathy of Washington, D. C. are visiting his aunt Mrs. Bettie Paul and other relatives.

Mr. Earl Wade and his recent bride have returned home from Washington, D. C. where they spent the past two weeks on their honeymoon.

Everyone welcomes Mrs. Wade in our community and wishes for them much happiness, and a long life together.

Mr. and Mrs. Hal Willis and Mrs. Dewey Willis have returned home from Richmond, Va. where Hal was a patient in St. Luke's Hospital for a week.

Dr. and Mrs. L. A. Eakin of Morehead City were the Sunday evening guest of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Willis.

Mr. and Mrs. Annie L. Willis left Monday morning for an extended visit with friends in Welch, West Virginia and western North Carolina.

Mr. and Mrs. John W. Smith and children of Atlantic spent Sunday evening with her parents.

Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Medlin of Abedeen have returned home after visiting her mother Mrs. A. F. Davis and her sister, Mrs. Joe Lina and family.

Joseph, spent a while Saturday in Newport.

Mr. C. F. Small spent a while Thursday in Bridgeton.

News from

## MERRIMON

August 23—Miss Elizabeth Stallings, who has been visiting her sister, Mrs. Ida Mae Sinek, of Newark, N. J., returned home on Sunday afternoon.

Mr. George Dixon, Mrs. W. E. Lawrence, Miss Vernon Carraway returned home from Norfolk on Friday of last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Levi Wallace and a party from Durham spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Wallace.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Wallace and Mrs. Ruth Eubanks of South River visited in Harlowe and Wire Grass on Monday.

Miss Iris Adams of Morehead City visited Mrs. Thurman Pittman last week.

Mr. Donnie Mason of Broad Creek visited his aunts, Mrs. Beatrice Pittman and Mrs. Flossie Pittman last Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Carraway and Mr. and Mrs. Dick Emer of Cherry Point spent the weekend at home with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. P. F. Carraway.

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## OTWAY

Aug. 24 — Rev. and Mrs. J. W. Lollis left for Pantego, N. C. Monday where Mrs. Lollis will visit her mother this week, Mrs. Wheatley.

Mrs. Percy Davis and daughter of Davis visited her mother, Mrs. Lina Gillikin, Sunday.

Miss Janet Gillikin of Bettie attended service here Sunday at the Descale church.

Mrs. Lola Thompson spent the week-end with Mrs. Leah Lawrence.

Mrs. T. P. Lawrence called to see Mrs. B. B. Lawrence, Friday evening.

Mrs. Heber Golden and son of Bettie called to see Mrs. Sylvester Lawrence and children Monday evening.

Mr. Allen Lawrence, of Norfolk, spent the week-end with his family.

Mrs. Virgil Gillikin, Mrs. Lola Thompson and Mrs. Leah Lawrence were in Beaufort Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Turner and daughter, Patricia Ann, spent Sunday with Mrs. Turner's mother, Mrs. Leta Lawrence.

Mrs. Leon Styron and children of Davis visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. T. Lawrence last week.

Master James Lawrence, of Lenoirville, N. C., spent last week with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Augustus Lawrence.

Mr. and Mrs. S. W. Lawrence called to see Mr. and Mrs. E. T. Lawrence Sunday afternoon.

We are sorry to say Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Gillikin had to take their son back to Duke hospital for an operation. Everyone hopes for him a speedy recovery.

Mrs. Walter Thompson and children spent last week-end at Norfolk, Va. with her sister, Mrs. Ashton Thompson and family.

Mr. Lola-Gillikin spent the week end with his family.

Rev. Windy Mansley filled the pulpit Sunday preaching a very interesting sermon. His text was "What Will You Do With Jesus?"

Mr. and Mrs. Lester Hall spent last week with her brother Wylie Taylor at Georgetown, S. C.

Mr. and Mrs. Franklin Lewis spent Sunday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Lewis.

Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Henderson of New Mexico spent Monday night with his brother, J. B. Henderson.

Mr. Vernon Taylor is spending two weeks with the National Guard in South Carolina.

Rev. J. M. Russell filled his appointment at Moore's Creek Sunday.

Lester Hall, Jr., spent Sunday afternoon with his parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Randall Hall spent Sunday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. J. Hall.

Miss Margaret Hall and niece Edith Hall spent last week in Mocksville and Whiteville.

Mrs. H. A. Taylor visited her daughter, Mrs. Glenn Adams, Sunday.

Iris Marie Piner is spending a few days with Mary Taylor.

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## NORTH RIVER

Aug. 25 — Rev. T. R. Jenkins of Beaufort filled his appointment here Sunday.

Chief and Mrs. Paul Beachem and daughter and Mrs. Harry Tody and children all left Sunday for their home in Norfolk, after a week's visit with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. P. B. Beachem.

Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Beachem and son of Charlotte left Monday after a week's visit here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. P. B. Beachem.

Mrs. Tom Gilgo and children and Mrs. Grayden Barker and children, all of Oriental, spent Sunday here with parents, Mr. and Mrs. P. B. Beachem.

Mrs. Lenwood Springle and children of Morehead City spent a while here Sunday with her mother, Mrs. Polly Fulcher.

Mr. and Mrs. Roland Styron and children of High Point left Monday after spending the week here with Mr. Styron's mother, Mrs. Met Hunnington and family.

Mrs. Riley Beachem spent Monday with her daughter, Mrs. M. G. Taylor near Beaufort.

Mrs. A. B. Camble of Los Angeles, California is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. P. B. Beachem.

Miss Pat Willis of Beaufort spent Sunday here with Miss Zara Beachem.

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## SEA LEVEL

Aug. 22 — Sea Level seems to be having an epidemic of colds. There is a quiet lot of sickness due to colds and several cases of pneumonia.

Mrs. Beauman Taylor was taken to Morehead City hospital Saturday for treatment.

Mrs. Edna Oates and friends from Washington, D. C. have been visiting Mrs. Oates' mother and uncle. They left today to return back to Washington.

Mr. and Mrs. Manley Taylor of Wilmington came to spend the week-end with Mr. Taylor's sister, Mrs. G. A. Golden, but due to the sudden death of Mrs. Taylor's mother they were called back to Wilmington Saturday.

Mr. G. A. Golden, who has been to Norfolk for the past week with his son, returned home Saturday night.

Master Joseph Edward Taylor, who has been so seriously ill in Morehead City hospital, is expected to come home before long.

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