

The Roundup

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With the days of Henry Morgan, Stede Bonnett, Kidd and Blackbeard faded into past history, I thought the days of piracy were never to be revived. But it seems as though, with the case of the hi-jacked liner, Santa Maria making the headlines, they are upon us again—but in the modern manner. Nothing so crude as making the passengers and crew walk the plank is in evidence, but the take-over of the Santa Maria was piracy, nevertheless. There has been effort on the part of the perpetrators of the hijacking to make the act appear as political expediency, and give it a certain measure of immunity under international law. But if commanding a ship on the high seas, holding the lawful

captain and crew and passengers captive, and proceeding to operate the ship without legal authority, is not piracy, what shall we call it? If "Piracy" is not the correct term, then we shall have to coin a new word to cover the situation.

If and when man makes the trip into space, it should greatly humble his ego when he reflects that a monkey has made the same journey.

Someone has said, Castro has too firm a grip on Cuba to be overthrown. My answer to that is, that since the days of the Caesars, all tyrants and dictators have been overthrown, sooner or later. History is against Castro, and if the ex-

perience of the past is any indication, his days are numbered. The Ides of March await, and Senor Castro will go the way of his predecessors through the ages have gone.

Pedestrians should be required to know the rules and regulations of the road as well as drivers, and should be licensed before they could walk the streets. After all, a pedestrian is a vehicle operating on two feet instead of four wheels. And he is as much an integral part of traffic as an automobile, and as such a potential menace to other walkers and drivers if he violates the rules of the road.

No compromise with communism! program, Davis and his personnel visited 1,427 schools, 195 county and city school superintendents, 79 other institutions and 60 summer camps. Their visits included inspection of 73 freezer lockers where commodities are stored by the recipient agencies.

Davis attributes the food consumption gain in eligible schools to continued increases in school age population of the state, and consolidation of schools which did not formerly have cafeteria facilities. Increased federal appropriations made the greater distribution volume possible, he said.

Needy families in several counties benefit from the service, Davis said, with four counties receiving dry milk for distribution.

The primary objectives of the distribution program are to aid the USDA in its surplus removal and price support programs by providing outlets for agricultural commodities purchased, by furnishing balanced diets to school children and training them to eat unfamiliar foods. In addition it furnishes welfare agencies with the means of providing adequate meals for recipients of their assistance, thus raising their health level.

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North Carolina's small farms in 1959. Farms with more than 30 acres and less than 100 acres are getting smaller, while the big ones are getting bigger. In 1954 there were 1,210 farms in Wayne County. The latest Agricultural Census shows 723 in 1959. In the same time, the number of farms with 50 to 99 acres of cropland rose from 495 to 611; with 100 to 149 acres, from 67 to 121; with 200 to 499 acres, from five to 18.

to 121; with 200 to 499 acres, from five to 18. "It's easy to understand why the large farms are getting larger," says Wayne County Agent Mark Goforth. "Most farmers have an active desire to own more land. If they're making a good profit, they'll always be in the market for additional land." But why are the smaller farms getting smaller? wonders Goforth.

"It may be that the small farmers are selling all or part of their land to catch up debts," he suggests. "And they may be selling their land and working off the farm."

Goforth hopes that the farmers are combining their land with that of neighbors, for an operation of more economical size. "One farmer can add 20 percent more land without increasing his cost 20 percent," he says.

In 1949, Wayne County had 4,915 farm units. There were 4,588 in 1954. And in 1959, there were only 3,518.

"In general, the more aggressive farmers continued to farm," says Goforth. "They're working harder and better to improve yields per acre and profit per acre."

Goforth says more and more farmers are telling agricultural workers: "Someone else has been tending this land and not making very good crops. How can I increase the yields? I cannot work unless I make a profit."

in the Garden of Prayer Church of God in Christ, of which she was a member and burial was in Sunset Cemetery at Asheville.

Surviving are the husband, George Garner; a sister, Mrs. Althia Satterfield of New York City, and two brothers, George and Willford Jordan of Edenton.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE

Beauty is a theme of the Lesson-Sermon entitled "Soul" to be presented at Christian Science services Sunday.

The divine source of beauty will be emphasized in the Bible readings, including these verses from Psalms: "Give unto the Lord the glory due unto his name; worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness" (29:2) . . . "And let the beauty of the Lord our God be upon us" (90:17).

From "Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures" by Mary Baker Eddy this selection

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National School Lunch Program Provides Biggest Meal Bargain

The biggest bargain anywhere is the one meal served each day to school children under the National School Lunch Program, L. Y. Ballentine, Commissioner of Agriculture for North Carolina, says.

"It is a bargain in more ways than one. Not only does it provide a nutritional, well-balanced hot meal for our growing youngsters at a price all can afford, but it gives an outlet for many agricultural commodities that our farm abundance provides, using it right here at home. It encourages local trade, too, for with every dollar value of commodities supplied schools by the U. S. Department of Agriculture, three dollars are spent locally in purchases to complete the menus that help make our children strong, healthy future-citizens," Ballentine said.

For those who realize their children do get good meals at school for the bargain price, but are not familiar with the workings of the program, Commissioner Ballentine referred to the part played by the Commodity Distribution Program carried out in the state by the N. C. Department of Agriculture's markets division in handling the nucleus items for the lunches served school children.

In a report to Ballentine by Jay P. Davis, head of the NCDA distribution section, the state

ranked high with the volume of commodities used.

"Only three other states received more commodities for school use than did North Carolina," Davis said.

Nearly two million more pounds of food were distributed in the state for 1960 than during the previous year. Ninety per cent of the commodities went for lunch room use under the National School Lunch Program, Davis said.

During the past year, Davis' section distributed 25,315,498 pounds of commodities valued at \$7,258,665. Although the majority of the 654 carloads of foods went to school lunch rooms, the remainder was distributed to other state and charitable institutions, summer camps and needy families.

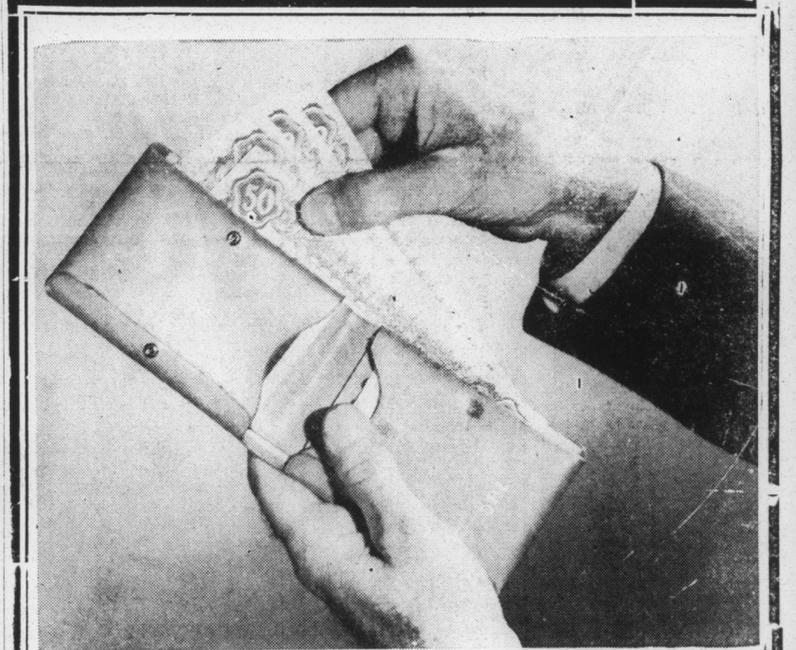
North Carolina sweet potatoes and turkeys were two of the items handled by the section. North Carolina is the principal producer of these two commodities.

In the state, the schools under the Lunch Program, serve 621,208 meals each day. "The large supplies of the commodities moving to the 1,946 schools being served is understandable when it is realized that we feed, once daily in the schools alone, more people than populate the city of Pittsburgh," Davis said. In supervising the distribution

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