

EDITORIALS:

CONTINUING RECORD OF SERVICE

J. Edgar Hoover, who became director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation in 1924 at the age of 29, was 67 years old January 1, and even at 67, he's still going strong with the Communist threat his main target.

He has done more than any other man in his 38 years as head of the FBI to wipe crime from the national scene but, it seems, when one breed is cleaned up another crops up to take its

place

Mr. Hoover has been honored with appointments by five Presidents and he has served under 13 Attorneys General. Such a record attests to the quality and dedication inherent in this man. His kind is rare on the national scene and he will be needed just as long as he feels he is able to serve his country and its people.

MILITARY SCHOOL AT MAXTON

The physical plant of Presbyterian Junior college at Maxton is in the process of becoming a military preparatory school for boys under the ownership of Col. Leslie C. Blangenship of Millersburg, Kentucky. Col. Blackenship, the Laurinburg Exchange reports, is presently president of the Millersburg Military Institute and the new school will be known as the Carolina Military academy. It is understood that the school will open later this year.

Presbyterian Junior college was absorbed by St. Andrews college at Laurinburg as was Flora Macdonald at Red Springs. Reports are current that the

Baptist church has intentions of acquiring the Flora Macdonald plant for higher educational purposes but nothing of a definite nature on that has been announced.

It is fortunate that the vacant plant at Maxton will be restored to use and particularly so because the facilities will become another educational institution to serve the southeastern area of the state. It will provide training from the seventh through the 12th grade and some college courses, There's a place, a need, for a school of this kind for the area.

SURVEY FOR FALLOUT SHELTERS

The Kennedy administration has come out with a Civil Defense program which is to filter down to the local level through the Department of Defense, that department's Assistant Secretary for Civil Defense, the Army Engineers and from there, for this area, through a private engineering firm for a survey of every building that might serve, or be renovated as fallout shelters.

We are told that public and private buildings will get a thorough examination and there may be plans in the federal program for making additions to the buildings and stocking them with

necessities for the survival and protection of the people in a nuclear fallout attack.

We would like to hope that enough such structures would be found in Columbus county to take care of its 48,000 residents but there is little likelihood that such will be the case. Anything less than enough will leave many questions unanswered. Yet, there is a belief that other measures will be taken if enough can't be found. It would be a chilling scene if an attack came with one-half covered and the other half exposed.

TRAVEL SETS NEW RECORD

More than 25 million visitors from out-of-state set a new travel record for the Variety Vacationland state in 1961.

The Department of Conservation and Development says the 25 million visitors to the state spent an estimated \$254 million here and that is some \$9 million more than was spent by visitors in 1960.

One of the other more interesting facets of the report is that over 94 per cent of the out-of-state travelers came by automobile and they stayed an average of two days.

That means that the little people along the state highways and

byways were privileged to share in the millions spent here by the visitors.

It means, also, that food dispensers, service station people, shop keepers, roadside fruit vendors and all of the rest had an opportunity to put their best foot forward.

Were we courteous, helpful and pleasant, or ill-natured, indifferent and slow to meet the wishes of our traveling guests?

Even here in our own midst, mercantile help, sometimes, seems to accept the customer as a necessary evil. Examples crop up every day.

MERGING AN ILL WIND

For the first 11 months of 1961, scheduled airlines in the United States amassed a safety record of 0.32 fatalities for every 100,000,000 passenger miles. This was a better mark than the two previous years and also assured completion of 10 years of service during which less than one passenger was lost for every 100,000,000 passenger miles flown.

Accordingly, it can be said that air travel is becoming safer by the year but, latest figures show, the industry is losing money. One reason for the loss in revenue is that passenger traffic has not increased as expected and another is that the traveling public is satisfied with coach fare service rather than first class flight.

In any event, air travel is seen as a bargain. Fares have risen only 21 per cent since 1938 while the cost of living has shot up 100 per cent.

In the face of all of this, look for

more merging of the big air carriers. Merging seems to be the trend in private enterprise, whether losing money or making a profit.

Mergers, we are afraid, will eventually destroy our free competitive system. When two or more corporate bodies, operating in the red, combine to save the economic life of each, then merging is understandable.

But when profitable companies merge to make more money by virtue of a possible monopoly, then that is not good for the country. It's happening every day all around us and control is gradually getting into fewer and fewer hands. The very quantity we are trying to keep alive is about to be stifled.

No Sales Tax Refund

A report comes to us that a customer of a Whiteville business returned a purchase for refund and was told that the price of the article would be refunded but that the sales tax could not be returned. We wonder, for one thing, why?

Part of every good man's life is dedicated to the promotion of the public welfare; the other part is devoted to earning a meager living and getting a little sleep.

There comes a time of life when a ramp seems as steep as a ladder.

"There's The Monster That Threatens Our Land!"



Time and Tide

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vertising Division, and Miss Francesca LaMonte, famed fishing authority who had put Southport on her itinerary while making a study of East Coast fishing.

One headline said: "Long Beach Getting Ready For Expansion;" another announced: "Artist Colony Being Planned;" and once more this one cropped up in print: "Good Weather For Hog Killing."

Ten years ago this week the March of Dimes was on, and Brunswick County Chairman Ed Redwine was shown in a front page photo with the Edwards twins, Caroline Jean and Jacqueline, the former a former polio patient. It brought home the need for funds with which to fight polio.

That was in our issue for January 16, 1952. Other news was about a big roundup staged by Thompson McRacken, whose cows had strayed from the Baptist Reservation at Fort Caswell and wound up at Holden Beach. Kirby Sullivan, Southport lawyer who had been called for military service, had been commissioned a lieutenant in the U.S. Army.

Five years ago this week James C. Bowman, Southport Atty. was made president of the Southeastern North Carolina Beach Association. The two-story home of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Varnum at Varnumtown had been destroyed by fire earlier that month.

Kirby Sullivan was back from Korea and was serving as chairman of the Brunswick County Heart Fund Drive; the Post Office Department was interested in obtaining new quarters in Southport; and the Southport Volunteer Fire Department was after a rescue truck.

Letter To The Editor

Longwood, N. C.
January 15, 1962

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

Dear Sir:
I too would like to write you a letter as a patron of Waccamaw School. May I preface the letter by saying any discourtesy, (if any?) is deplored by the school and patrons of Waccamaw School. We pride ourselves on being good sports and agree any incident by one person should not reflect on the entire school. We also agree that it should have remained in the past, but since it was not relegated to the past, but was made a thing of the present, I feel that in behalf of my school, I will have to say a word in defense, not of the boy or boys, but the school and its patrons. May I also add that I have many friends in Southport, and Mr. Howard, you will not have to beg them to forget an incident, they, (even as I) were unaware of happening. The people of Southport are gracious hosts and hostesses. Mr. Howard, if you were treated discourteously in Waccamaw we apologize. However, I have investigated the incidents and feel I should report my findings.

A group of Coast Guard boys and one of the local boys, (no basketball player) got in an argument. The principal wishing to avoid trouble, ordered them from the gym. One of the Coast Guard boys called the local boy a foul name. (Unprintable!) The boy hit the Coast Guard boy and was stopped by the school janitor. The local boy later returned to his seat in the gym. (We apologize even for this incident!)

Concerning the incident of the drinks, no one was awake that pepsi was spilled on a girl. If it had been reported, apologies surely would have been forthcoming and the culprit punished. I apologize now and take the liberty of mailing a check of \$5.00 to cover the shampoo and cleaners' bill. I would like to add, that quite often drinks are overturned in the balcony and trickle down on the seats below. I have had it happen to me at Waccamaw School and in other gyms.

If anyone was in any way mistreated from Southport, we the patrons and school of Waccamaw offer abject apologies.

I would also like to add that I will not demand that you print this in headlines on the front page. I would consider it a favor if you would condescend to print it in the column reserved for the letters of personal opinions. A section all editors reserve for letters containing subscribers personal opinions, which should have

included the one I am answering. Sincerely yours,
J. B. Ward Jr.
Chairman of Waccamaw School Board

Brooklyn, N. Y.
January 6, 1962

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

Congratulations on this week's issue of The Pilot. There is much interesting news.

The ferry from Fort Fisher to Southport is of great interest to me. When this comes to pass Southport will be on its way for big things, and the other big developments will have a greater

Not Exactly News

A Southport lady drove into town last Thursday afternoon after a three-day trip upstate, and her car still was covered with snow. A couple of kids who had not seen much of this soft, white stuff in their lifetime came running over for a closer look. Finally one of them said, "Well, it sure enough is snow." And his more blasé partner said, "Of course its snow. What did you think it was?" And the first little fellow said, "At first I thought somebody had squirted her car with shaving lather."

The next day there was plenty of ice—but no snow . . . The Duffie boys, Jack and Pat, were the heroes of the younger set—they had a genuine sled . . . Sound of the season: Melting ice falling from overhead wires across the top and hood of parked automobiles Saturday sounded for all the world like somebody had whopped them with a cow chain . . . One thing we discovered during this weather emergency: There are a lot more automobile chains owned by people in this area than one would ever guess.

Jimmie Prevatte went to Chiquapin to visit his favorite bird dog trainer Sunday and took three dogs. He came back with one after engaging in a three-for-one swap. Jimmie says he hopes he upgraded his quail hunting prospects, but that even if he did not, there will be a big cut in the dog food bill at his place . . . We saw Maxie Cooker delivering a package to Ormond Leggett Monday morning, and we inquired hopefully if it was a mess of fish. "It is," Maxie said, "but it's some I caught last fall. Ormond wanted a mess of salt mullets." . . . And while on the subject of fish, Bremen Furpless told us that Brice Helms has some frozen mullet roe that is as good as fresh.

The fellows who were on the space tracking project over at Yaupon beach were on standby from 3 a. m. Saturday morning, and had to use sticks to break ice off their cameras in hope of being able to take a picture at launching. About daylight they heard the shot had been postponed . . . Incidentally, Donald Brown, in charge of the mobile unit, was so fascinated with the beauty of the woods and their icy coating Saturday that he took his private camera and launched forth on a color-picture taking expedition.

"The Young Doctors" is the weekend show at the Amuzu in Southport . . . At Holiday Drive-In at Shallotte "Back Street" is playing Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

our coastal waters to cut a lot of miles for the riders. This is a great chance for the people of the coastal sections to fight together for this great project.

Best wishes,
Capt. Rubin B. Drew

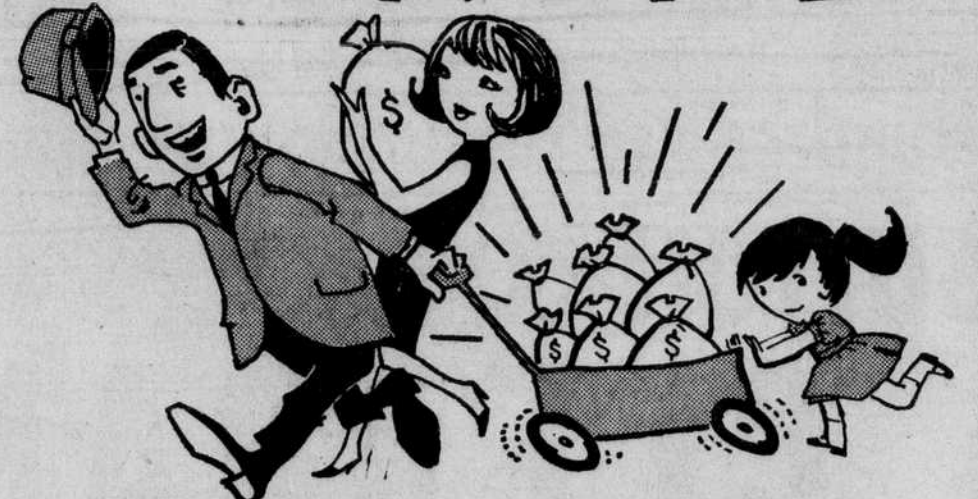
KILLED TO DATE

The state department of motor vehicles reports that 24 persons have been killed to date on the state's highways as compared to 31 for the same comparable period last year.

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