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COST OF LIVING

Spot Check Shows Nation Pays Increasing Prices

Americans, marking the 170th birthday of the United States, were asked higher rents and were paying bigger prices for meat, butter and milk than they did a week ago under OPA regulated prices...

AUTHORITY SEEKS FUND OF \$30,000

Members To Petition County Board For That Amount For Airport

A 1946-47 budget in the neighborhood of \$30,000 for the operation and maintenance of \$11,000,000 Rheinhaven airport is expected to be submitted to the New Hanover County Board of Commissioners...

Revenue Expected

Although the \$30,000 figure looks large, the authority members have pointed out that at least two-thirds, if not all, of the sum will be returned through revenue.

New Lines Probable With about a dozen other airlines and airplane companies seeking to establish themselves at the airport in the coming air age...

HOLIDAY DEATHS MAY REACH 800

34 Fatalities Reported On First Of Four-Day "Vacation"

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS Deaths from accidents mounted slowly yesterday as the nation started a four day holiday which the National Safety Council forecast would produce 800 immediate deaths.

Fatalities reported from traffic, drowning and miscellaneous causes totaled 84.

Mostly Traffic Most of the deaths resulted from traffic accidents as the sunny, cool weather attracted throngs of city dwellers to celebrate Independence Day with drives into the country or to lake and seashore resorts.

Traffic deaths totaled 24, drownings 7 and miscellaneous 3. Record toll over the July 4th holiday was in 1941, when deaths amounted to 628. The Fourth fell on Friday that year. The high water year was 1944, when the toll was 419. That year the Fourth was on a Tuesday.

This year's four-day holiday will cause 1,300 violent deaths, about 800 of which will be immediate.

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The Weather

FORECAST North and South Carolina: Friday, warmer and partly cloudy with widely scattered thundershowers.

NEW ONE-YEAR PRICE CONTROL MEASURE SET TO SENATE BY BANKING COMMITTEE; VACATION FLYING SERVICE GETS BOOST

Plane Flight Gets Inquiry In Midwest

Kalamazoo, Chicago Residents Want To Make Trips

STARTED BY TURNER

Plans For Shuttle Service Here Given New Impetus

RAIN PUTS CRIMP IN CELEBRATIONS

Crowds Flock To Beach, Though, Despite Bad Weather

ARTHUR C. DIEHL DIES IN HOSPITAL

Prominent Business Man Was Fertilizer Company Executive

Meats And Milk

Subsidies Saved Consumer Money

Government Estimates Average Grocery Bill Less By \$12 Year

Big Four Council Sets Peace Date

ACL TAXES HELP COUNTY SCHOOLS

51.33 Per Cent Of Payments Go To Education Purposes

UNSEEN FORCES LETHAL

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Along The Cape Fear

BACK TO THE WALL - Like Rafearty, the Irish poet, we find ourself with our back to the wall...

RAMROD POSITION - Yesterday and the day before, you may recall, we wrote at some length about the Sampson County Year Book of 1946...

NARY A CHIRP - That's the first letter. Here's the second: "Along the Cape Fear—Weeks ago we sent The Star a copy of 'Columbus County, North Carolina', but nary a chirp did we hear. Now comes 'Along the Cape Fear' wondering if any other Southeastern North Carolina county has published anything comparable to Mrs. Taft Bass' admirable book about Sampson county."

LEADING SAMPSON - "Dear

INTERNATIONAL BIRTHDAY PARTY World Citizens Join United States In Celebration Of Independence Day

By The Associated Press Americans the world over celebrated yesterday the nation's 170th birthday, the first peacetime Independence Day in five years.

While those at home played at coast and country resorts, indulged in sports and participated in patriotic exercises, American occupation troops in Europe and the Orient put on military displays.

Philippine Independence While observing its own anniversary, the United States participated in the birth of the Philippine nation which received its independence after 48 years under the American flag.

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Barkley Predicts Bill Will Get Quick Approval

Measure Would Be Effective Until June 30, 1947, And Be Retroactive To Death Of Old Control Act

WASHINGTON, July 4.—(AP)—A new one-year price control bill was approved by the Senate Banking committee Thursday night.

Democratic Leader Barkley (Ky.), announced he has "every reason to believe" it will be enacted. The committee approved it by a vote of 12 to 5.

Barkley said he hopes to call it up for action on the Senate floor Friday.

The bill differs in two important respects from the measure vetoed by President Truman last Saturday as "an impossible bill."

These are modifications sponsored by Barkley in pricing provisions covering manufacturers, wholesalers and retailers.

Ten Democrats and two Republicans—Senators Buck of Delaware and Capehart of Indiana—voted to report the bill favorably. Five Republicans opposed it. Two members of the committee were absent.

The bill would renew price and rent control until June 30, 1947.

Bar Prosecutions It would be retroactive to the death of the old price control law as far as regulations prevailing June 30 were concerned. However, it contains a clause which would bar civil or criminal prosecution for any price rises above the June 30 ceilings during the interim between death of the old law and enactment of the new.

Barkley reported that Price Administrator Paul Porter, who sat with the committee most of its long holiday session, said the committee's revision of the pricing provisions would be "workable and he could administer them."

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BENSON LEADING IN MANAGER RACE

City Council May Select Permanent Man At Today's Meeting

With Acting City Manager J. L. Benson leading the list of about a dozen candidates, the city council may select a permanent city manager in a special council session this morning, Mayor W. Ron, aid Lane announced yesterday.

With the exception of Benson and a few others, most of the candidates are out-of-towners, the mayor said.

Well Qualified A majority of the applicants, Mayor Lane continued, seem well qualified for the position, but he reiterated that he and four of the councilmen are strongly in favor of Benson.

Unanimously for him, Benson has said he will accept the post originally offered to him late last April.

To Review Budget Today's special council session will also function as the first conference on the 1946-47 municipal budget.

With tentative proposals already sending the new budget \$150,000 over last year's, Benson has said there must be several drastic cuts made in order not to overburden city funds.

Contract Renewal It is also expected that today's meeting will bring forth a renewal of the city's street-lighting contract with the Tide Water Power company.

And So To Bed

This letter from Ben R. Clayton is so good that we pass it on to you undated:

"A few mornings ago two of my friends and I drove to Wrightsville Beach for a swim and parked just south of the fishing pier at Lumina. Upon our return to the car we found a folded piece of paper under the windshield wiper. When we opened it up a dime dropped out and the following message was written on the crumpled piece of paper:

"Dear Sir: Just to be honest—we borrowed a valve cap off of your front right tire. Here is 10 cents in payment. It was an emergency, sir. We had to have it. (Signed) A Friend"

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Along The Cape Fear

Cape Fear—I'm going to tell Editor Jim Rogers of the News-Reporter in Whiteville to come down and bite you, Columbus county, through aforesaid Grade A Citizen Rogers, is not going to follow Sampson county in publishing.

"It is leading Sampson county so far out in front that perhaps you have lost sight. Our recent book—Columbus County—has elicited praise from all over North Carolina, west as well as east."

"Seriously, if you do not have a copy I will remedy that defect."

"Sincerely, E. Evans Ulrich, Box 66, Lake Waccamaw, N. C."

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