WEATHER

Wilmington and Vicinity: Fair today with gentle northerly winds, becoming variable. Little change in temperature. Highest reading will be 86 degrees. Coastal conditions will be unchanged with gentle to moderate northwest winds and fair skies.

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10 In State, 334 In Nation Die Over 4th

Score By States Reported Via The Associated Press

155 IN TRAFFIC

119 Drown, Four From Fireworks, 56 From Other Causes

By The Associated Press

At least ten persons have died violently in North Carolina since 6 p.m. Thursday, with the long July 4 weekend still not over.

Drownings, highway accidents and an airplane crash took their toll.

B. A. Kiser of Charlotte died Saturday of injuries suffered in an automobile accident there the day before.

Galbreth Johnson, 38, of near Goldsboro was killed last Friday night when his motor bike collided with an automobile.

Four persons drowned in Mecklenburg county, Vivian Lee Ross, 17, and her cousin, June Carroll Baucom, 16, were in a boat that capsized in McEwen lake at Mint Hill, near Charlotte.

Two Charlotte Negroes, Paul Stowe, 38, and his niece, Carolyn Riley, 11, drowned in the Catawba river.

The crash of a light plane at the Burlington airport killed Stephen Arnold Douglas, 33, operator of a restaurant in Burlington, and Dr. F. T. Harper, 40, medical director of the Alamance County Tuberculosis sanitorium.

M. M. White, city engineer of Elizabeth City for 20 years, drowned in little river. He was seized by cramps while retrieving a drifting rowboat.

Morton Davis, 17-year-old Negro, drowned in a pond in Franklin county.

Throughout the nation at least 334 persons had been killed in holiday accidents by Saturday night as the final day of the three-day Fourth of July weekend approached.

Since 6 p.m. (local time) Thursday, 155 persons had been killed in traffic accidents over the nation, 119 had been drowned, four had died in fireworks mishaps and 56 had died from other accidental causes.

Pleasant weather contributed to the heavy toll in motor accidents and drownings. Motor fatalities normally outnumber deaths from all other violent causes combined but this year there was nearly as many drownings.

The National Safety council had predicted 275 traffic fatalities during the three-day period. There was some possibility this figure might be reached before Sunday midnight. The peak traffic jam was expected when homebound motorists hit the pavements Sunday night.

Three of the deaths from fireworks occurred in Maryland. The other was in Maine.

Deaths by states from traffic, drownings and miscellaneous causes not connected with fireworks:

Alabama 4; Arizona 6; Arkansas 1; California 21; Colorado 7; Connecticut 9; Delaware 4; Florida

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The Weather

Meteorological data for the 24 hours ending 7:30 p.m. yesterday.

Temperatures

1:30 a.m. 70; 7:30 a.m. 70; 1:30 p.m. 86; 7:30 p.m. 79.

Maximum 86; Minimum 66; Mean 76; Normal 79.

Humidity

1:30 a.m. 93; 7:30 a.m. 73; 1:30 p.m. 36; 7:30 p.m. 51.

Precipitation

Total for 24 hours ending 7:30 p.m.—0.00 inches.

Total since the first of the month — 9.17 inches.

Tides For Today

(From the Tide Tables published by U. S. Coast and Geodetic Survey).

	High	Low
Wilmington	11:45 a.m.	6:51 a.m.
	— p.m.	6:43 p.m.
Masonboro Inlet	9:18 a.m.	3:35 a.m.
	9:41 p.m.	3:24 p.m.

Sunrise 5:06; Sunset 7:27; Moonrise 10:01 p.m.; Moonset 7:44 a.m.

WASHINGTON, July 5.—(AP)—Weather bureau report of temperature and rainfall for the 24 hours ending 8 p.m., in the principal cotton growing areas and elsewhere:

Station	High	Low	Prec.
WILMINGTON	86	65	
Florence	73	63	0.02
Asheville	81	61	0.47
Atlanta	89	64	
Atlantic City	80	63	
Birmingham	87	66	
Boston	83	62	
Buffalo	73	61	
Burlington	85	56	0.01
Chattanooga	88	62	0.50
Chicago	83	65	
Cincinnati	81	60	
Cleveland	86	63	
Dallas	95	76	
Denver	84	54	
Detroit	86	68	
Duluth	76	64	
El Paso	100	67	
Fort Worth	95	76	
Galveston	90	79	
Jacksonville	86	64	
Kansas City	90	75	
Key West	85	72	0.03
Knoxville	89	65	
Little Rock	89	65	-
Los Angeles	88	54	
Louisville	84	60	
Memphis	90	64	
Meridian	92	65	
Miami	86	72	0.03
Minn.-St. Paul	81	6	0.09
Mobile	89	70	
Montgomery	92	69	
New Orleans	92	72	
New York	86	67	
Norfolk	89	66	
Philadelphia	90	63	
Phoenix	102	82	
Pittsburgh	86	58	
Portland, Me.	81	53	
Richmond	90	63	
St. Louis	70	64	0.24
San Antonio	97	70	
San Francisco	65	53	
Savannah	86	63	
Seattle	78	55	
Tampa	87	68	
Vicksburg	94	60	
WASHINGTON	87	65	

Senator Capehart Visits Wilmington

SENATOR HOMER CAPEHART (R-Ind.), who arrived in Wilmington yesterday morning, confers with his host and friend, L. B. McCormick. Sen. Capehart said he believes Congressional appropriations "will and should" be increased for river and harbor dredging such as the Cape Fear river. He spoke before several hundred music box dealers, distributors for the Capehart Music Company of which the Senator is founder.—(Staff Photo).

Rivers, Harbor Committee Member Makes Inspections

By BOB KLINE
Star-News Staff Writer

Senator Homer Capehart, Republican, of Indiana, will be conducted on an inspection tour of the Wilmington port and the Cape Fear river this morning aboard the U. S. Engineers' inspection boat, the Kitty Hawk.

"Since I'll probably have to vote on an appropriation bill next year for the dredging project, I want to learn more about the Cape Fear and the dredging operations now underway," he said yesterday. He is a member of the Senate Rivers and Harbors committee.

Col. B. C. Snow, district engineer, will be the Senator's host. Also making the trip will be Mayor E. L. White, Harry Gardner, New Hanover county commissioner, Frederick Willetts, chairman of the Wilmington Port Commission, J. T. Heirs, executive-secretary of the commission, J. E. L. Wade, city councilman, R. B. Page, chairman of the North Carolina Ports' authority and H. E. Boyd, Wilmington industrial traffic manager.

The boat will leave from the Customhouse dock at 9:30 a.m., Colonel Snow said.

The Republican Senator said in an interview yesterday:

"I think river and harbor dredging appropriations for ports such as Wilmington will and should increase during the next few years.

"This type of spending is far better than paying to have rocks moved from one pile to another

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LABOR PLANS CO-OP STORES

Union Business Establishments Versus Private Stores

WASHINGTON, July 5 —(AP)— The American Federation of Labor today urged immediate organization of consumer cooperation among its members as one way to combat the high cost of living.

"By organizing as consumers in cooperatives," the AFL said in its publication "Labor's Monthly Survey", we can mobilize our buying power.

"When we own our cooperative stores, credit unions, wholesales and factories, we can use wherever necessary the only effective means of reducing prices—that is, competition in the free market with other businesses," the AFL noted.

It said there has been no significant decline in the general level of either industrial or consumer prices this year, and that it has

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Man's Oversight At Gas Station Loses His Wife

ITHACA, N. Y., July 5—(AP)—After his car was serviced at a local gasoline station yesterday, Frank Turello of Buffalo drove 28 miles, then turned to ask his wife if she wanted a cup of coffee.

She was gone.

Mrs. Turello, who had been sleeping in the back seat, got out to stretch at the gasoline station and her husband drove off without her.

Turello returned and picked her up before alerted police could act.

'KIDNAPED' MAN'S BODY IDENTIFIED

Mystery Shrouds The Case; Hoax Perpetrator To Be Questioned

PONTIAC, Mich., July 5 — (AP) —The body of 19-year-old Richard Schweitzer, Detroit factory worker whose disappearance two months ago was followed by a "ransom plot" against his widowed mother, was found in a swamp today.

A murder theory was first advanced, but preliminary investigation failed to determine the cause of death. Dr. Richard Olson, Pontiac General hospital pathologist, said he found no evidence of violence.

Berry pickers stumbled upon the body lying in shallow water in a swamp near Lake Orion Village almost two months to the day the young former Coast Guardsman vanished without a trace from his Detroit home.

Under - Sheriff Donald Menzies of Oakland county said the body had been identified through fingerprints and tattoo designs on both arms. The body evidently had lain in the swamp for weeks, officers said.

Police in Detroit claimed to have nipped an extortion attempt against Schweitzer's mother, Mrs. Marie Schweitzer, 56, hospital dietician, early last month.

At that time police, masquerading as workmen and housedoor salesmen, took into custody George

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'KING' CAROL, LUPESCU WED

Ceremony Performed On Her Death Bed May Not Be Legal

RIO DE JANEIRO, July 5—(AP)— Former King Carol of Romania was disclosed today to have sought to legalize his 23 years' companionship with the gravely ill Mme. Elena Lupescu, in a special "death bed" ceremony.

The ceremony performed Thursday in Carol's luxurious suite at the Hotel Copacabana was requested by Mme. Lupescu under a Brazilian law which permits marriage to dying persons. There were some doubts, however, as to the legality of the action.

News of the ceremony was given out by Mme. Ernesto Udreanu, wife of Carol's secretary. She said Mme. Lupescu was seriously ill.

Two physicians were reported attending Mme. Lupescu. She had suffered for many months from a lingering illness, which earlier was described as lukemia and was now said to be pernicious anemia.

One witness to the bedside ceremony said he was unauthorized to

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Boy Racers In Soap Box Classic Must Make Cars

One basic rule concerning Soap Box Derby car construction is that there are certain prohibitions affecting bodies, Derby headquarters has been advised by Myron E. Scott, director for Chevrolet, national co-sponsor of the Derby with The Star-News and 132 other leading newspapers of the United States and Canada.

All Derby inspectors and other race officials will be instructed to rule out cars that incorporate bodies built from airplane gas tanks, water tanks or similar units. Cars so built will not be allowed to compete in the Wilmington Soap Box Derby or in the national finals, to be held this year at Akron, Ohio, Aug. 17.

"The Derby seeks to develop a boy's mechanical talents," Scott said in a telegram to Derby headquarters yesterday. "The more of the car he actually builds himself, the more the Derby activity furthers his creative instincts. Employment of these already-fabricated units is contrary to the basic purpose of the race."

Scott pointed out, however, that the rules specifically permit boybuilders to use as body covering tin, sheet metal, aluminum, aluminum foil, fabric, wood, leather, paper, fibre wallboard, plywood, linoleum or almost any other substance a boy might sonceivably emply.

And in the mail at Derby headquarters yesterday came word that the Soap Box Derby cham-

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Aged Lady's Grave Opened In Probe Here

Midnight Grave-Side Autopsy Proves Natural Death

WAS WEALTHY

Friends Suspicioned Foul Play; Lone Friend Left Only

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Law [illegible] ent officers and [illegible] onnected with po[illegible] Hanover county [illegible] on city do many [illegible] of them definite[illegible] e to them, in the interest [illegible] the greatest majority, and law-abiding citizens.

And, as can be expected, nearly all of these things cannot be published for the simple reason: no case. Police, the law says, can be sued for everything from false arrest to the ordinary things for which the private citizen can be taken to court and made to pay.

It was with this thought in mind that we decided to 'break' what appeared to be one of Wilmington's most sensational murders for money.

And it would have been except for the fact the results spelled: no case.

But the boys, the doctors and the grave diggers worked just as hard—to prove it was: no case.

The confidential files of the authorities were thrown open to me on this case, as well as in other instances. Our years of experience, of course, precluded the publishing of a story without confirmation. This story has all the confirmation it needs: in official files.

But it is one of those 'no case' results and the names of the dead Wilmington woman of advanced years and others involved will forever remain a secret, locked in the official files.

Several months ago a woman, who had been ill for some time,

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LEWIS 'NOT IN' TO SOUTHERNERS

Gives Brush-Off To Operators In South; Men To Work

WASHINGTON, July 5 — (AP) —A 24-hour hitch in signing of a soft coal peace pact for northern mines developed tonight, while southern operators reported getting "a complete brush-off" from John L. Lewis.

Lewis, head of the United Mine Workers, postponed until 2:30 p.m. (E.S.T.) tomorrow Sunday) at a meeting of his 200-member policy committee to ratify the "agreement in principle" which has been reached with the northern employers of 150,000 miners. It calls for a 44 12- cents basic hourly increase.

A UMW spokesman said the lawyers "simply haven't got the language of the agreement worked out yet," but prophesied this would not interfere with a resumption of digging in 3,000 northern pits on Tuesday, when a 10-day industry-wide vacation ends.

Not so right was the outlook for southern workings. A member of the Southern Coal Producers association reported that five unsuccessful attempts have been

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Romeo In Jail After Beating Of Wife, Juliet

DETROIT, July 5 —(AP)—Romeo was in jail today, charged with beating Juliet.

Juliet St. Amour, 35, told police her husband, Romeo, 39, beat her Friday evening during a quarrel. The couple have been separated for two years.

CHILD'S FATHER PROTECTS NEGRO

Attempted Criminal Assault On Seven-Year-Old Told

ELIZABETHTOWN, July 5—Will Thomas, Negro, about 40 years old, was taken out of the county for safe keeping this morning after attempting to criminally assault a seven year old white girl, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Shep Thompson of near Abbottsburg, Bladen county.

The childs mother was in the garden some distance away when the Negro man went to the house and asked the little girl for a drink of water.

When she went in the house for a glass he followed her and it is alleged the attempted assault took place.

The father returned in about 30 minutes and he and neighbors instituted search.

They found the Negro, tied him and brought him to Sheriff John B. Allen. The child was not badly injured.

MORE 'FLYING SAUCERS' SEEN AS MEN OF SCIENCE PONDER SERIOUS ANGLES

A Study In Courage

JUNIOR gets attention in spite of the fact that his mother, Mrs. Alta Mae Ficarelli, Fresno, Calif., hasn't any arms. Born without arms, she plays the piano and cares for her baby with the greatest of ease.

Bigamous Bride Narrowly Escapes Death; Wife Dies

DUMONT, N. J., July—(AP)—For two hours Albert H. Scharel, 55, held in his arms the bride he wed bigamously and considered killing her, then he beat his first wife brutally with a ballpeen hammer and killed himself.

His first wife, Mrs. Marie Schabel, 46, mother of his two grown children, was in Englewood hospital with serious head injuries today. Physicians believed she would recover. Police held his second wife, the former Natalie E. Wilson, 45, of Brooklyn for questioning.

Schabel killed himself with a .25 caliber rifle early yesterday as two policemen rushed to the home after neighbors had complained of women screaming.

Police Capt. Herbert Algmrs said he found Schabel dead in an upstairs bedroom, the rifle by his side.

Schabel was salesman, about six feet tall, robust, handsome, with greying hair, police said he was highly respected in the community.

While he caressed his bride in the dim light of an electric candle, he held an ice pick in one hand.

Schabel married his second wife, whom Allmers descried as "a country girl from Brooklyn," on June 12 at Brooklyn city hall. She had known him for 10 years, but believed he was no longer married, she said.

Allmers said they spent a two

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ARMY BELIEVES C-54 IS LOST

Part Of Plane Found In Ocean May Spell The Worst

WEST PALM BEACH, Fla., July 5—(AP)—Army authorities feared the "worst" today in their search for a missing C-54 military cargo plane with six aboard as the Atlantic Ocean gave up an oxygen bottle and a yellow cushion identified as army aircraft equipment.

The equipment, among numerous pieces of wreckage reported sighted by searching planes in an area 300 miles northeast of Palm Beach, was identified by Maj. L. R. Humphreys, commanding officer of the 5th air rescue squadron at Morrison army air field here, but he emphasized that "there is no assurance it is from the missing plane."

The plane left Kindley field, Bermuda, Thursday morning, and was due at Morrison field that afternoon.

STUDENT LEFT HOLDING BABY

Now He Wants Fountain Pen Back Mother Borrowed

NEW YORK, July 5—(AP)—A 23-year-old Notre Dame university student walked into Bellevue hospital today and asked two information clerks if they would take a baby girl off his hands—he had to catch a plane.

The student, Henry J. Marvin of Mishawaka, Ind., explained that an attractive brunette had walked up to him at the airlines terminal here and asked to borrow his fountain pen.

She took the pen into a rest room, he said, and left with him a baby girl about two weeks old and two small bags.

A few minutes later she came back, stuffed a piece of paper into a bag and asked him if he would hold hte baby a few minutes longer.

After he waited an hour and no one around the terminal could

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Disc Stops And Reverses Self In Flight, Disappears

Astronomers Say They Are Man-Made; Pilot Jokes But Wireless Report Shows Him Frightened and Nervous Later; Not Atomic—Lilienthal

By The Associated Press

The nation was baffled late Saturday night and during the day by "flying saucers" reported seen in 28 states by hundreds of persons, and conjectures came from scores of named and unnamed sources throughout the country.

Official government sources took a "let's see one" stand on the phenomenon, ad so scietists proffered a detailed explaation.

But the Los Angeles Evening Herald and Express quoted an unnamed California Institute of Technology scientist in nuclear physics as suggesting that the saucers might be the result of experiments in "transmutation of atomic energy." Dr. Harold Urey, atom scientist at the University of Chicago, called that "glibberish."

At Columbus, Ohio, Louis E. Starr, national commander-in-chief of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, asserted at a VFW convention he was expecting information from Washington about "the fleets of flying saucers." "Too little is being told to the people of this country," Starr declared.

Two Chicago astronomers said the discs are probably "man made." The undulating, flashing objects "couldn't be meteors," said Dr. Girard Kieuper, director of the University of Chicago's Yerkes observatory at Williams Bay, Wis.

"We realize," said Dr. Oliver Lee, director of Northwestern University's Dearborn observatory, "that the Army and Navy are working on all sorts of things we know nothing about."

Lee said the discs might represent the same sort of thing as sending radar signals to the moons, "one of the greatest technological achievements of the war and accomplished in absolute secrecy."

The unnamed scientist quoted by the Los Angeles Herald and express said, according to the paper, that "these saucers so-called are capable of high speeds but can be controlled from the ground. They are 20 feet in width in the center and are partially rocket propelled on the takeoff."

The scientist's report of "transmutation of atomic energy," however, was scoffed at by Dr. Harold Urey, atom scientist. "You can tansmute metals, not energy," he said.

Col. F. J. Clark, commanding officer of the Hanford engineering works in the Pacific northwest where the largest saucer influx has been reported, said the saucers were not coming from the atomic plant there.

"I have been waiting for someone to tie the discs to the Hanford atomic plant," he said. He declared that at far as he knew no experiments were underway there which would solve the mystery.

Credence in the saucers—idely laughed off at their first reported appearance June 25—grew as hundreds of observers, many of them trained fliers, reported seeing them.

A crowd of 200 observed a disc at Hauser Lake, Idaho, on the Fourth of July. A group of 60 picnickers saw them at Twin Falls, Idaho. And in Portland, Ore., so many residents witnessed them that same day the police department sent out an all-cars broadcast.

A United Air Lines pilot of 14 years experience walked up the ramp to his plane at Buise, joking that "I'll believe in these discs when I see them." Ten minutes later he radioed, shaken, from his plane that he had spotted five of them.

Witnesses in two points of California and in Spokane—one of them an Army Air Force sergeant—reported seeing the discs Saturday.

Two persons in different sections of Charleston, S. C.—one of them a newspaper reported—said a flying saucer passed over Charleston heading East at 6:20 p.m. EST, Saturday at about the same time two men in Albany, Ore., saw a single disc flash southward, halt, and retrace its course before vanishing into a cloud.

Throughout the West and at other scattered points hundreds of persons insisted they saw the mysterious sky dics skimming far overhead.

Both ground and aerial observers reported they saw the strange saucers over Idaho, Oregon, Washington, California, Michigan, Pennsylvania, Louisiana, and Canada's East coast Prince Edward island.

Nearly all observers said the saucers they saw were round, flat

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FIGHTER PLANES READY FOR DISCS

P-51 Ships Are Alerted To Photograph Objects

By The Associated Press

Col. Al Dutton, commanding officer of the Oregon National Guard, announced Saturday night that the Guard's squadron would attempt to photograph any future apparitions of the flying discs.

He said six P-51 fighter planes, equipped with gun and telescopic cameras, would be kept ready to take off on a moment's notice.

States where the discs have been reported:

Oregon, Washington, California, Idaho, Arizona, New Mexico, Texas, Montana, Wyoming, Colorado, Missouri, Nebraska, Michigan, Indiana, Louisiana, Kentucky, Georgia, South Carolina, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Ohio, Illinois, Arkansas, Tennessee, Maine, Florida, Utah, Maryland, Iowa, Kansas and the District of Columbia.

FLOOD WATERS SAID RECEDING

Mississippi, Lapping Second Floors, Reported Stalled

GRAND TOWER, Ill., July 5 — (AP)—The muddy Mississippi, lapping at second floors of some Grand Tower buildings, appeared to have leveled off today after reaching the highest peaks in over 100 years between St. Louis and Cairo, Ill.

An estimated 600 homeless persons of this town's 1,000 population were sheltered in tents and two schoolhouses on high ground. Mayor Jesse Grammer said it would take two weeks for all the water to drain from the town if the river falls at the rate predicted.

At St. Louis, Harry F. Wahlgren, U. S. meteorologist, said a fall of 1.7 feet was expected in the next 48 hours at St. Louis with a slight drop extending as far south as Cape Girardeau, Mo., and Cairo late tonight or tomorrow. The river was stationary at the southern points.

U. S. army engineers said levees would hold in Perry county on the Missouri side and across the river between Preston and McClure in Illinois. The crest was at least one foot below the barriers' tops on both sides.

However, the few remaining levees protecting farmland on both sides of the Mississippi in the St. Louis area were still termed critical despite the river's drop. The Mississippi, still more than nine feet above flood stage, can exert a lot of pressure against soggy dikes already weakened by rain, sand boils and three weeks of high water, engineers said.

At Dupo, Ill., Mayor Delmar E. Valine said the danger of overtopping a hastily constructed dike

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Survivor Tells How Tornado Blew House From Head

DETROIT, July 5—(AP)—A resident of suburban Dearborn got a firsthand description today of the tricks played by the tornado in North Dakota and Minnesota.

John Stoltman said his brother, Victor Stoltman, telephoned from Oslo, Minn., to tell of running to shelter in his basement with his wife and children.

Then. . .

"The house sailed from over our heads like a balloon and was tossed 100 feet away.

"The family car landed in some trees, and the barn and other sheds sailed out of sight.

"A wagon wheel just missed us when it whirled into the basement."

241,964 WAR CLAIMS FILED

Philippines Seek $184,661,810 Damages Based On War

MANILA, Sunday, July 6—(AP)— The U. S. War Damage commission announced today receipt of 241,964 claims for Philippines property losses totaling $184,661,810.

The commission reported that, until the end of the fiscal year June 30, a total of 2,599 claims had been settled with payments slightly more than $250,000. To meet all claims, the commission was granted $400,000,000.

Unofficial estimates by high government sources placed Philippines reparations claims against Japan at between $3,500,000,000 and $4,000,000,000.

Robbins Held In Knife Affair At Carolina Beach

B. M. Robbins, 50, of Wilmington, an employe of Spofford Mills, was arrested last night at Carolina Beach, charged with assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill, and confined to jail without bond pending the outcome of injuries suffered by his brother-in-law, Spurgeon Brittman, of Lumberton.

Brittman was taken to a local hospital for treatment of lacerations about the neck. The arrest was made by Assistant Chief Floyd Whitman and Office G. W. Wolfe.

Police reported Brittman had lost a "lot of blood and was given plasma."

APPRECIATIVE

NEW YORK (U.P.) — Mrs. Mary Quayle, 82, asked her son to thank the three firemen who were so nice to her during a fire in her home. Fire Commissioner Frank Quayle promised that he would do so, personally.

Beaches Attract Millions (In Dollars) Over Weekend

Resorts of Southeastern North Carolina enjoyed a 'big business' category over the Fourth of July weekend with more than $3,500,000 being left in cash registers of hotel and rooming house operators and concessionaires, it is estimated.

The figure is derived from the $10 per day estimate spent by each visitor, according to a compilation made by Mrs. Alice Strickland, town clerk, Carolina Beach.

That the figure is conservative is shown by the fact that 150,000 persons used facilities of beaches from New River inlet to the South Carolina line yesterday and the Fourth with an even larger number expected today.

Mrs. Strickland pointed out that with 60,000 persons visiting Carolina Beach Friday, many had remained and those leaving were being supplemented by a never-ending stream of cars passing over the highways.

Wrightsville Beach played host to an estimated 25,000 visitors while the balance of 150,000 persons were divided with 25,000 at Kure's and Fort Fisher beaches and 40,000 at Topsail, Rich's inlet, Wilmington Beach, Southport,

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Holiday Baby Born To Noffsingers At James Walker

At least one patriotic baby was born Friday, July 4, in Wilmington, but it was too late last night to make a comprehensive check for others.

The Independent day miss is Margaret Brock Noffsinger, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Noffsinger, 101 Bryan avenue, who was born in James Walker Memorial hospital at 5:51 p. m.