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WEATHER

North Carolina — Fair through Friday. Somewhat colder today and tonight and in extreme east portion Friday. Low temperatures tonight around 20 mountains, 22-28 Piedmont and 24-32 coastal plain.

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Fight Looming Over Defense Contract Plan

WASHINGTON (AP) — A congressional fight loomed today over the administration's plan to ease unemployment with defense contracts as two powerful Western senators joined Southerners in attacking it.

Senate Republican leader William F. Knowland of California said he was disappointed by the plan, personally backed by President Eisenhower, to channel defense work into labor surplus areas. He predicted legislation to curtail the plan would be enacted during the new session of Congress which opens next month.

Sen. Pat McCarran (D-Nev) said the administration's policy could lead to an "ugly and undesirable" form of "controlled economy." He said the "enforced" buildup of industry in any one area "could constitute an unwarranted interference by the federal government."

McCarran pointed out that in the past efforts have been made to keep the South and the West in a "state of economic vassalage" to the industrial North and East but that these areas had overcome efforts.



Experts Think 1954 Will Be Second Best Year In Business

WASHINGTON (AP) — The most prosperous year in U. S. history ends today, and Friday begins the year that most economists think will turn out to be the second best.

After nearly four years of interrupted expansion, the country is in a period of economic "readjustment" or "recession" — the experts disagree as to which — and it may take most or all of 1954 to wind it up.

There are a few economists who say the disturbance is past already, some who say the end is only a few months away and a small number who fear the nation is on its way to a full-fledged depression.

By far the largest number of experts both inside and outside the government expect 1954 to bring a gradual decline of about 5 percent in total output of goods and services, which this year amounted to a record 397-billion-dollars.

Such a drop in output would mean fewer jobs and shorter work weeks; it might be accompanied by lower prices for consumer goods.

Taxpayers Get 10 Per Cent Cut On Friday

WASHINGTON (AP) — Taxpayers will receive an average 10 per cent cut in personal income taxes tomorrow.

Social security taxes increase at the same time. Therefore, millions of persons in lower income tax brackets actually will pay more, or about the same in taxes.

For those in the middle income brackets, the weekly paycheck will be slightly fatter from a few cents to a few dollars.

The tax cut will cost the treasury about \$3,400,000,000 for the year. The excess profits tax on business also expires Friday, and that will cost the treasury an additional estimated \$1,900,000,000.

How does it happen that a personal income tax cut will mean more total taxes for some persons?

The answer is that the social security levy on the first \$3,600 of a worker's salary will rise from 1-2 to 2 per cent.

Take a married couple with two dependents and earning \$2,500 a year. This couple will pay no personal income tax. But their social security payment will jump from \$37.50 to \$50 for the year.

The social security tax is paid by both employers and employees. Beginning tomorrow each will pay 2 per cent an increase of 1-2 per cent. The increase will mean less take-home money for many.

A married couple with two children and having a gross income of \$3,000 a year now pays \$66.00 a year in income taxes and \$45 in social security taxes—a total of \$111.00. After tomorrow, this couple will pay \$90 a year in income taxes and \$60 in social security taxes—a total of \$150.

However, the picture gets brighter for married couples with two dependents and earning more than \$3,000 a year. A married couple with two dependents and having an income of \$4,000 a year now pay a total of \$320.40 in income and social security taxes. After tomorrow, they will pay a total of \$312.

I get better for those in this group as the income goes higher. A \$10,000 a year couple with two dependents will pick up \$137.60, or about \$2.85 more in each weekly paycheck.



PRESIDENT DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER, after signing the American Red Cross pledge at the White House, is presented with the organization's official button by Postmaster General Arthur Summerfield. Beside the President is Clifford Folger, District of Columbia A.R.C. chairman.

Flemming Called To Augusta For Conference

AUGUSTA, Ga. (AP) — Dr. Arthur S. Flemming, director of the Office of Defense Mobilization and author of the administration plan to channel defense contracts into unemployment areas, was called to the winter White House today by President Eisenhower.

Press Secretary James C. Hagerty said Flemming was asked to Augusta to consult with the chief executive on the Jan. 7 State of the Union message "and nothing more."

The White House obviously was unhappy about the opposition to the administration unemployment plan by Sen. William F. Knowland (R-Calif.), State Republican leader, but no member of the President's staff here would say anything for publication.

The President worked on his State of the Union message for two and a half hours this morning, then took advantage of a pleasant break in the weather and went out on the Augusta National golf course.

It was sunny today after three days of dismal gray skies and intermittent rain.

In addition to Flemming, Henry Cabot Lodge Jr., chief U. S. representative at the United Nations; Budget Director Joseph M. Dodge; Sherman Adams, the assistant to the President, and another shift to White House aides were due here late today to begin conferences at 8 a. m. tomorrow with the President.

The Eisenhowers made no special plans for New Year's Eve, but expected to celebrate the holiday quietly with some old friends at the Augusta National Club.

The President's staff, mindful of the 8 a. m. message writing session tomorrow, planned to go to bed early rather than join the revelers in traditional New Year's Eve style.

The men who supply the raw material for presidential speeches and messages face a rough two months ahead, because once the President's major January messages are on their way to Congress, Eisenhower plans to start firing a series of detailed messages on specific subjects at the House and Senate.

Youth Bound Over For Stealing Auto

Ralph Ray Goodman, 16-year-old Dunn, Route 3, youth was bound over to the January term of Superior court under a \$6,000 bond by Judge H. Paul Strickland today on a charge of stealing a car here December 23.

Goodman was picked up in Selma for breaking a red light around midnight of the same day the car was stolen from the Auto Exchange on the Dunn-Erwin highway.

He was taken to Smithfield for trial yesterday and was held for the Dunn police, according to Chief Alton A. Cobb.

Mordecai Vann, owner of the Auto Exchange stated yesterday that he last saw the 1948 Pontiac, valued at \$700, around six o'clock of the day it was stolen.

After finding the car missing, Vann notified the highway patrolmen and Goodman was picked up after he crashed a red light in Selma. According to his testimony in court this morning, Alfred Moore Jr. was with him at the time the car was stolen.

Chief Cobb told Judge Strickland today that he had heard that Moore is now in Roanoke Rapids. Vann (Continued on page two)

Mrs. O'Quinn Hurt In Wreck

Mrs. Carl O'Quinn of Manners today was in Lee County Hospital in Sanford with a broken leg following a two-car collision Wednesday near Seminole.

The accident happened at 4 p. m. on Highway 421, 12 miles west of Lillington.

Patrolman Herman Ward, who investigated, said Mrs. O'Quinn was the driver of a 1951 Pontiac which was going east toward Lillington when it was hit by a 1949 Ford, driven by John Alexander Randall, 25, of Broadway, Route 1.

Three passengers in the O'Quinn car were released after receiving medical treatment. They were: Miss Ethel Allen of Manners, facial cuts; Mrs. Elizabeth Dean of Lillington, Route 3, lacerations of the lip; and Mrs. Clara Brown of Lillington, Route 3, fractures of the left foot.

Ward said his investigation showed that Randall, who was headed west, made a left turn in front of the oncoming car as he started to turn into Holder's grocery store.

The elderly driver, who was alone at the time of the accident, was taken to court for failure to yield the right-of-way. He suffered mild shock but otherwise was not hurt. Damage to the two vehicles was estimated at \$400.

Judge Plays Santa To Two Defendants

Judge H. Paul Strickland played Santa Claus to two defendants in court today. The men were charged with drunkenness.

The judge asked each if he had been drunk over the Christmas holidays. When they stated that they hadn't, the judge was easier on them.

Jack Bryant, white man, was given time to raise funds to pay a fine for drunkenness because he didn't get drunk over the weekend. "That makes two Christmases," he told the court.

The court thought Bryant had made a good record and allowed him an additional week to raise money to pay a fine handed down in a case tried before Christmas.

He Has No Plans For The New Year

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Francis O'Keefe, 26, emphasized today he had no plans for 1954.

O'Keefe's wife, Janice, 26, gave birth to their third daughter yesterday, Dec. 30.

Their second daughter, Barbara, was born Dec. 30 1953.

Their first daughter, Nancy, was born Dec. 30, 1951.

"Next year? ... No Sir," O'Keefe said. "I'm not trying to set any more records."

Here's Review Of Area News For First Half Of The Year

With 1953 fast becoming history, practically everyone is taking inventory of stock to see what's left after a full year's operation. And like businessmen, history often takes inventory to see what has been recorded in 12 months.

Fortunately Harnett County and the many towns of this area are not like a blind-wearing mule — it's possible for them to turn and see what is happened through the 12 months.

It's been a colorful year! Building hit an all time record, and here and there through out the county there have been changes.

As the year 1953 came to an end, the Dunn Chamber of Commerce began making plans for a big year. On December 31 they named energetic Henry Sandlin to head the Chamber, and the year 1953 came in with big plans being made for the merchants and businessmen of Dunn.

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Here's How To Stay Alive For New Year

EDITOR'S NOTE: During the Christmas season at least 533 persons died in traffic accidents, according to a dispatch from the United National Automobile Council President Ned H. Quisenberry. He says that his experts advise on how to avoid dying in the tangled wreckage of your own auto in the dangerous New Year's weekend.

There are many ways to stay alive during the New Year's weekend. Here are some of them.

1. Don't drink and drive. 2. Don't drink and drive. 3. Don't drink and drive.

New Pepper Plant Will Employ 150

Formal announcement of the plans of a nationally known canning concern to locate a plant here that will provide employment for about 150 persons was received here today from H. P. Cannon & Son, Inc. of Bridgeville, Del.

H. P. Cannon, II, president, said in a letter to officials of the Dunn Chamber of Commerce and to the State Department of Conservation and Development in Raleigh, that his company expects to have its new plant completed and in operation by next July 1. New machinery and equipment will be installed as soon as a building the firm has leased from Dunn Enterprises, Inc., has been remodeled.

While the company will be concerned in large measure with canning of red bell peppers, Cannon advised Director Ben E. Douglas of the Department of Conservation and Development that his firm, whose products are sold from coast to coast, also can asparagus, green beans, lima beans, corn, sweet peppers, onions, pumpkin, squash, sweet potatoes and pepper butter oil. In addition the Cannon Company engages in a rather extensive business under private labels for quality wholesale grocers and chain markets throughout the country.

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COUNTY COUNCIL MEET — The Harnett County Council of Home Demonstration Clubs will hold the first quarterly meeting of the new year on Monday, January 4, at 1:30 p.m. at the Lillington Community Center. The Cape Fear Club, of which Mrs. Grady H. H. H. is president, will be the business for the gathering. New year books will be distributed and plans made for the year's work. Mrs. W. J. Cotton, Jr. of Kipping is county council president.

SOIL ELECTION — In a county-wide vote Everett Barnes and Angler has been re-elected as supervisor for 1954. The Cape Fear Soil Conservation District, its members and staff of Percy Springs, will meet on January 5.

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