

Peace and Prosperity Should Be Dominant Theme for Coming Year

These are comments and predictions of Roger W. Babson, well-known financial adviser and business analyst, on business conditions for the coming year.

Mr. Babson's articles appear regularly in The Chronicle. In making his annual forecasts on business conditions, Mr. Babson has compiled a record of high accuracy.

Published widely over the country, Mr. Babson's outlook for conditions expected to prevail during 1966 is presented for the information of our readers.

"Peace and Prosperity" should continue to be the dominant theme in 1966. President Johnson will push ahead in attempts to capitalize on the inroads he has already made with his Great Society program.

I, of course, would like nothing better than to be completely optimistic in this forecast, but my more than 60 years of experience in predicting trends has taught me that unexpected events are most dangerous when conditions are brightest.

1. The health of world leaders may well be a prime factor in 1966. These include President de Gaulle, Mao Tse-tung, and even President Johnson.

2. Perhaps the biggest threat in 1966 will come from abroad. There is evidence that the coalition leadership in Russia may be centralizing into the hands of a strongman — something not seen since the Khrushchev ouster.

3. I do not look for war with Russia during 1966. Russia is still greatly concerned with trying to bring prosperity to her own people, and is especially troubled about the lag in farm productivity.

4. The struggle for power within Russia may come to a head in 1966. If the strongman is anti-West, he could try to put on a good show by heating up the "cold war"; but this should constitute no more than threatening gestures and hold talk.

5. The Berlin crisis is not likely to be a major issue in 1966, though there could be some nuisance events to "try our patience."

6. I do not foresee all-out war with Red China in 1966. Mao is not yet ready to risk major confrontation. His lagging farm and industrial programs still loom as major problems, and the task of extending Red China's nuclear progress is a heavy burden.

7. The foremost task for Red China still is to get a seat in the United Nations. While Southeast Asia is an attractive plumb, territorial expansion may well have to wait in Red China's timetable, as a peaceful profile on her part would make gaining a seat at the UN easier.

8. Despite talks of a prolonged struggle in Vietnam, forecast that it will be increasingly clear that the balance has swung our way. This should encourage our leaders to step up our commitment in Vietnam in 1966 in order to force a "peace conference."

9. I foresee no crisis over Cuba in 1966. The agreement Castro has made to allow more Cuban refugees to enter the U.S.A. underscores the problem he has in feeding his people.

10. The Vietnam situation and the Dominican Republic incident have convinced the Administration that the military might of our nation must be maintained at a "ready" basis. This means stepped-up defense spending, which should add another prop to the economy.

11. While such defense spending will focus heavily upon conventional military equipment, our space program will not be neglected. Having come from behind in the space race, the Administration is not likely to falter and allow Russia to open another wide gap.

12. The increase in defense spending notwithstanding, I forecast that the economy will be hard pressed to match the fantastic achievements of the past four years. Threats of major labor strikes have been playing an important role in stimulating inventory accumulations from time to time to keep things rolling along.

13. Business capital expenditures, which have been a key factor in prolonging the business boom, should remain a strong bolstering influence. However, I predict that they will not provide as much in the way of upthrust for the economy as in the past two years.

14. Business inventory accumulation, likewise a big factor in

All tuberculosis hospital patients from Laurens and Greenwood counties received Christmas gifts arranged by the Tuberculosis and Health Association.

Mrs. William F. Mauldin, who is chairman of the Patient Services committee, visited patients in the S. C. Sanatorium and the S. C. State Hospital on Thursday. She was accompanied by Mrs. V. M. Hayes, who is a member of the committee, — and also secretary of the Christmas Seal organization.

Mrs. Mauldin stated that gifts were mailed to patients in out of state hospitals. The Christmas gifts were donated by the Greenwood Lions Club, the McKissick Club, and a circle from the First Baptist Church in Greenwood.

Others serving on the patient services committee include Mrs. J. R. Abney of Greenwood, Rodney A. Russell of Troy, Mrs. Fred E. Medlock, Miss Bettie W. Richards and Mrs. Osie M. Sitgreaves of Laurens, Mrs. D. H. McFadden of Clinton, and Mrs. J. K. Waits of Joanna.

The chairman said that each committee member was assigned a month for sending gifts and remembrances throughout the year to TB patients. She pointed out that clubs and organizations in both counties may wish to assist the local committee members with the project.

Mrs. Mauldin mentioned her committee's work as another service made possible by Christmas seals.

The current Christmas Seal campaign has reached a total of \$16,252.97, which is \$911.08 more than at the same period last year. Last year's total was \$20,266.34.

Greenwood Mills Gives Employees 40 Tons of Turkeys

Greenwoods Mills distributed 40 tons of turkey to its employees and retired employees, Thursday, Dec. 23.

A total of 7,240 holiday birds went out as Christmas gifts to workers in the 14 plants, the main office and service department, and to the retired personnel.

Distribution of the turkeys began shortly after midnight as employees on the second shift left for home. Those on the third shift received their turkeys at 8 a.m. and first shift workers got theirs at 4 p.m., as did office and service department personnel.

This is the second consecutive year that Greenwood Mills has given the gift turkeys.

Deadline Near For Veterans to Change Insurance Policies

A cutoff deadline faces all veterans between 55 and 60 years old who wish to add or exchange a total disability income provision rider (TDIP) on their GI insurance policies.

They must act before January 1, Howard H. Watkins, Laurens County Service Officer states.

The Total Disability Income Provision provides payment of \$10 per month for each \$1000 of National Service Life Insurance should the policyholder become disabled before his 60th birthday. The policyholder pays an additional charge for this rider.

After January 1, the rider will be sold only to veterans under 55, Watkins reported. The previous law required that the disability be in effect before age 60. The present law extends the period in which disability may occur to age 65.

All World War II and Korean Conflict veterans whose NSLI policies are not preceded by the letters "RH" are eligible to buy the rider.

Veterans under 60 holding existing disability "up to age 65" riders may do so, but those over 55 years old will have to do so before January 1.

Mrs. O. A. Sowers

Mrs. Katherine (Kitty) Norris Sowers, 88, widow of O. A. Sowers, died Wednesday night in a Columbia hospital after a long illness.

Born in Newberry County, daughter of the late Dr. John Thompson and Elizabeth Half-acre Norris, she was a member of the First Presbyterian Church.

Surviving are a daughter, Mrs. Don DuBois of Clinton; a step-daughter, Mrs. Florence Mitchell of Richardson, Texas; a step-son, Dennis Sowers of St. Cloud, Fla.; and two granddaughters, Misses Nancy and Betty DuBois of the home.

Funeral services were conducted Friday at 11:00 a. m. at Whitaker Funeral Home in Newberry by Rev. Houshal Norris and Rev. John Rivers. Burial was in Rosemont cemetery.

Clinton Men Are Named To Blue Ridge Council Posts

Several Clinton men were named to posts in the Blue Ridge Council, Boy Scouts of America, at the annual meeting of the council in Greenville Tuesday, Dec. 21.

Don Rice succeeds W. C. Baldwin as chairman for the Laurens District.

David S. Taylor of Laurens is the new district commissioner.

Dr. D. O. Rhame was named a national representative of the executive board of the council, as was Dwight F. Patterson of Laurens.

Members at large on the executive board include Baldwin and J. B. Templeton from Clinton and Jake Razor of Cross Hill.

State's Economy Expected to Hum At Record Levels

Columbia — The South Carolina Chamber of Commerce predicted Saturday that the state's economy would continue to hum along at record levels for another year.

The annual forecast reflected the opinions of business and professional men replying to a Chamber of Commerce questionnaire.

The survey showed that two-thirds of those polled expected a good year for 1966, while 57 per cent felt that 1965 was much better than expected.

Among the organizations predicting improvements during 1966 were those in construction, drugs, building materials, hotel and motel business, furniture, restaurants, transportation and allied businesses.

Industrial leaders generally looked for improved business. There was a note of caution among many executives, however.

Family of Four From Florida Hurt In Crash Near Here

Four members of a Fla. family were injured early Monday night when their 1964 Chevrolet wrecked on Interstate Highway 26 about a mile east of the S.C. Highway 72 interchange.

Bailey Memorial Hospital officials listed the injured as Weldon Johnson, 51, his wife, Mrs. Doris Johnson, 38, and their two sons, Weldon Johnson Jr., 19, and Thomas Johnson, 17, all of Starke Fla.

State Highway Patrolman M. E. Suddeth said the Johnsons' car, headed west, struck a highway reflector on the right, then veered left striking a concrete pier of the overhead bridge of Secondary Road 34.

The Johnsons were enroute to visit relatives in North Carolina. All four members of the family were continuing as hospital patients Tuesday.

The car was practically demolished, it was stated.

Former Resident Passes In N. C.

Mrs. Helen Sease Stutts, wife of Robert T. Stutts, died Wednesday, Dec. 22, at her home in Lincolnton, N. C., following an illness. Graveside services were held Friday in Newberry. Mrs. Stutts, a former resident, was well-known in Clinton.

Man Attacks Policeman

A Negro man was shot in the arm by a Negro city policeman when he allegedly attacked the officer with a knife as he was being led to the city jail last Wednesday, Police Chief B. B. Ballard said.

Chief Ballard said the wounded Negro, Arthur (Buster) Johnson, 40, of Clinton, was carried to Bailey Memorial Hospital here for treatment of a .38 caliber pistol wound of the right arm. He later was transferred to the Veterans Administration Hospital at Columbia where his condition was described as satisfactory.

Ballard said Negro Policeman Joel Moon had arrested Johnson on a drunk and disorderly charge about 3 p.m., an was walking him to the city jail when the incident occurred less than a block from the jail.

Johnson was slashing at Moon with a knife when two white police officers, Roland Tidwell and Wright Simpson, rushed to the scene after hearing the shot, Ballard said.

Moon was not hurt in the fray. A warrant charging Johnson with assault and battery with intent to kill with a deadly weapon and resisting arrest was sworn out before City Magistrate C. T. Oakley, the police chief said.

Bowling Tourney Winners

Winners have been announced in the Palmetto Lanes championship bowling tournament. Leaders in the various events for both men and women were:

Men's Division Team event: Goldfingers 3013, Mary Musgrove 2963.

Doubles event: Otis Tripp and Jim Revis 1266, J. D. Hanley and Harry Foster 1242.

Singles: J. D. Hanley 671, Jim Wehmer 665. All-events: J. D. Hanley 2009, Otis Tripp 1869.

Women's Division Team event: Mixups 2936, Belkettes 2891.

Doubles: Jean Hammond and Sheila Ross 1227, Betty Tripp and Ruby Lydia 1222.

Singles: Rachel Revis 631, Jean Hammond 624. All-events: Jean Hammond 1885, Rachel Revis 1839.

To Observe Family Night

Family night will be held Wednesday (December 29) at the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church on S. Broad St., beginning at 6:30 o'clock with a covered dish supper.



Senate-Passed Reapportionment Plan

Here is the Senate reapportionment plan for senatorial districts which the House of Representatives is now considering. One major change, which was expected to set off a filibuster, brings Horry, Marion, Marlboro, and Dillon Counties into one district.

Laurens in 3-County District

House Considers Plan To Reapportion Senate

Citizens Federal To Pay Dividend

Citizens Federal Savings and Loan Association announces in today's paper year-end dividend payments totaling \$145,000 to investors for the past six-months period. Payments will be credited to accounts or paid on Dec. 31.

The December dividend payment, when added to that of June 30, will make total dividends of \$281,000 paid by the association during the current year. Rate of earnings was 4% per cent.

These payments reflect the continuing growth of the association and are the largest in the history of the local savings and loan unit.

Taxpaying Time Ends Friday

Paid your city and county taxes yet?

Friday — the 31st — is the last day for payment of both city and county taxes without penalty.

Church Group To Have Watch Night Service

A New Year's Eve Watch Night service will be held at Broad Street Methodist Church on Friday night. The service begins at 11:30 p.m. The Sacrament of Holy Communion will be observed. The public is invited.

The South Carolina legislature on Tuesday entered the third week of its special session to reapportion representation in the Senate.

The House of Representatives met Tuesday afternoon to receive the Judiciary Committee's report on the Senate-passed bill to realign the upper house.

The special session was called by Gov. Robert E. McNair after three federal judges ordered the Senate reapportioned on a one-man, one-vote basis.

The Senate bill, a compromise worked out after two marathon filibusters, provides for 59 senators from 26 districts. At present, the Senate has one member from each of the state's 46 counties.

Laurens County is made part of a three-county district, with three senators. The other two counties are Newberry and Union.

Senator William C. Dobbins of Laurens County said he is prepared to go along with the compromise plan, although at first he supported the so-called Riley plan, which placed Laurens County in a district by itself. That plan, he said, could not muster sufficient support for passage in the Senate.

Some House members have said they will not vote for the Senate-passed plan because of the so-called negative residency provision. It gives some small while counties in districts with larger counties a resident senator, while several other small counties do not have a resident senator.

The residency provision sets a population base of about 40,000 persons for each senator. In two-county districts with a pop-

ulation of at least 80,000, the district would get two senators. But the larger county must have a population of 40,000 plus 50 per cent of 40,000, or a total of at least 78,000 to get both senators. If it doesn't, the smaller county, regardless of its population size, gets the other senator.

Greenwood Mills Employee Fund Now Now \$5,400,000

Greenwood Mills this week announced a contribution of \$1,300,000.00 to its employees' profit sharing retirement fund for 1965.

The plan was begun in 1959 and total contributions now are \$4,925,000. Total worth of the fund is approximately \$5,400,000.

This year's contribution was the most substantial sum placed in the fund to date, the announcement said. A total of 4,529 employees are participants in the plan, accounting for 69 per cent of those employed by Greenwood Mills.

