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The Business Outlook

There is much talk and speculation all over the country about the business outlook, with opinion divided. While there are significant signs, definite information just at the present does not indicate which way, or how far, business affairs are to move from here on out.

A few facts stand out, however, and must be accepted. It is agreed that the post-war seller's market has gone and that now with a very few exceptions, we are in a buyer's market with the consumer watching price tags. The big war boom we have been experiencing is gradually on the down-hill. The U. S. News says that the first half of this year will see continued business activity, that the last half may be expected to see a down turn gaining speed. They may be wrong, they may be right.

It is certain that the top in prices and wages has been reached. Increased production, the replacement of scarcity with plenty, will have a far-reaching effect upon our economic life. The fundamental principle of supply and demand is back in the picture. We are definitely entering a recession period with readjustments to be made. The American people are jittery because of high taxes and agitation in Washington by President Truman and others that taxes be raised still higher, with more money being appropriated in fulfillment of campaign promises and expensive subsidies. No President ever promised as much "free" as Truman, yet taxpayers must pay the bill.

None of us know what lies ahead. But we do know that it is a time for prudence, for level heads and for keeping our feet on the ground.

We Must Look Ahead

Last week The Chronicle suggested a change in the by-laws of the Chamber of Commerce to make the organization more democratic. A number of members of the organization thought favorably of the suggestion and have so stated to us.

We suggested that a mail ballot vote by the entire membership be required rather than the selection of officers through a nominating committee. An added suggestion was that the president be elected by the board of directors, the procedure now followed by commercial bodies in most towns and cities. Probably it would be well to enlarge the board's personnel and make it fully representative of the various business interests of the community.

The suggestion, we think, and with which others agree, is deserving of consideration by the Chamber of Commerce in the hope of strengthening it and serving as an incentive to induce more men to give their time to public service for community development and betterment.

All of us are interested in the city's growth during the next decade which will be an important period. The Chamber of Commerce can play an important part in deciding whether we are to go forward or stand still. We are interested, of course, in industrial expansion, the bringing of new industries into the community to provide more employment and payrolls, yet at the same time we should fully appreciate the assets we already have. We must grow from within, and not expect outsiders to come in and do the job. Smoke stack expansion is all right and important, but there are other things that are just as important. We need to look to the future, to plan wisely ahead to make Clinton a better town in which to live and rear our children, and to attract new citizens. Commercial growth which emphasizes the dollar is essential if we are to march forward, and at the same time it is just as incumbent that we become vitally interested in the moral tone of the community, in law enforcement, beautification and encouragement and enlargement of cultural programs. All of these things we should be concerned about as civic-minded citizens.

Barkley Also Snubs

Recently much has been written and said about the discourteous manner in which Gov. J. Strom Thurmond of this state, and his wife, were "snubbed" by President Truman at the inauguration because Thurmond was a States Rights candidate. The President, while he was ignoring Thurmond, according to undenied reports, was bowing and showing attention upon some of the most disreputable leaders in the so-called Democratic party who had been active in his behalf through big city-

bossed machines. The discourteous display on his part showed his smallness, and caused resentment. Gov. Thurmond was there representing the State of South Carolina.

Recently the municipal association in this state announced its annual meeting to be held in Columbia with Vice-President Barkley, Truman's running mate and "yes man," as the principal speaker. Governor Thurmond, showing a proper courtesy and good manners, extended an invitation to Barkley to spend the night at the mansion (owned by the people of South Carolina) while in Columbia. Through the grape-vine route we learned from Columbia that Barkley did not wish to accept the invitation and would hatch up an excuse. The suggestion was made by some that the president of the association, who happened to be the mayor of Columbia, invite Barkley to spend the night at his home as his guest to relieve him from accepting Thurmond's invitation.

What happened later before the date for the meeting was the Vice-President's cancellation of his trip to Columbia because of press of legislation in Washington as an excuse. Drew Pearson, the Washington columnist, who gets the inside dope on all the big boys which they dare not deny—has come forward in one of his articles with the explanation that Governor Thurmond, first snubbed by President Truman, was likewise given the cold-shoulder by Barkley. He stated that Barkley was all set to go to Columbia and learned that Thurmond would also attend the municipal meeting and that he would again be invited to be the latter's guest for the night at the mansion. This put Barkley on the spot, as he has been many times before, the astute politician that he is. So, the report says, which hasn't been denied, that Barkley went into a huddle on the senate floor. He called the two Truman senators from this state, Maybank and Johnston, to the vice-president's rostrum and explained confidentially that he wouldn't stay with Thurmond but didn't want to create an incident. The best solution, Barkley decided, was not to go to Columbia at all after conferring with our two senators, who are now riding the Truman-Barkley bandwagon, though, according to Johnston, he did not vote but climbed on the wagon toward midnight after it was certain that Truman was elected. What our two senators said to Barkley at the reported conference, Pearson did not state. It would be interesting for South Carolinians to know, but they won't.

The Vice-President's action, as reported, was as discourteous as was the President's. It shows that they both practice bad manners. They may think they can kill the States Rights movement in this state, but are badly fooled. The principles for which Thurmond fought are sound and will live on—it is a crusade that should grow to combat a Washington-born menace to the liberty and freedom of the American people. South Carolinians are fed up on such littleness. On both occasions, as the chief executive of the state, Thurmond did his part courteously and graciously only to be snubbed for political reasons. Our people believe in the principles for which Thurmond stands, and unless we are badly fooled the senatorial race two years hence will prove this beyond a reasonable doubt.

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C. O. Glenn Passes At Newberry Hospital

Newberry, Feb. 22.—C. O. Glenn, 69, died early Tuesday morning at the Newberry county hospital. He had been in declining health for the past five years but was seriously ill for only two weeks.

Mr. Glenn was born and reared in Spartanburg county and was the son of the late Samuel Posey and Mattie Glenn. He made his home in Clinton for 25 years where he was in the livery business and for the past 25 years he had made his home in Newberry and was connected with Davis Motor company as long as his health permitted.

Mr. Glenn was a prominent and well known citizen of Newberry and was a member of the First Baptist church of Clinton.

Funeral services will be held Thursday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock from the McSwain Funeral home, with the Rev. J. A. Estes and Dr. R. A. Goodman in charge.

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TO HEAD PARADE



When the student-planned military program on Friday, March 4, entitled "Military Activities Day" begins with a formal parade in the afternoon on Johnson field at Presbyterian college, CADET LT. COL. MARVIN GIBBS, ROTC battalion commander, will be in charge. The parade will be witnessed by townspeople of the city, students and faculty at the college, and especially invited guests, and will begin at 4:30 o'clock.

Memorial Service Honors Mrs. Pitts

Prior to the regular meeting of the Woman's Society of Christian Service at Broad Street Methodist church Monday afternoon at the church, a memorial service was held in memory of the late Mrs. Nannie A. Pitts, who died September 17.

An arrangement of white carnations, white glads, and greenery were placed on the table with a tall white candle in the center, which was lit at the beginning of the service by Mrs. J. V. Edwards, in remembrance of the deceased. Mrs. Edwards gave an interesting talk in tribute to Mrs. Pitts, after which Miss Ann Pitts, accompanied by Mrs. James Pitts at the piano, sang "Going Home." Mrs. Lewis Pitts read two poems entitled "Happiness" and "Jame Whitcomb Riley Away." Mrs. Edwards closed with prayer. During the service Mrs. Pitts softly played a number of piano selections.

Following the memorial service the W.S.C.S. meeting was held. Mrs. Edwards gave a report on the conference she attended in Columbia.

A short business session was held before the meeting closed.

ATTENDS MILITARY MEET

Brig. Gen. Ansel B. Godfrey, of this city, was in Tampa, Fla., for the week-end where a 51st Infantry division staff conference was held. Gen. Godfrey is divisional artillery commander in this state.

'Day of Prayer' Proclamation By City's Mayor

"WHEREAS, from the foundation of the American Republic, our forefathers, whatever their creed, or condition, or race, or nation of origin, have been wont to turn to the God of the Universe for guidance and blessing; and the founders of Clinton early built here home of worship; and God has signally blessed our people whenever they have called upon Him and followed Him; and

"WHEREAS, men of all faiths today realize that only divine wisdom and the following of God's commandments can help our people and the world in the bewilderment and turmoil of these post-war years; and

"WHEREAS, The United Council of Church Women has designated Friday, March 4, 1949, as a 'World Day of Prayer,' urging people to

gather to ask for divine guidance for themselves and all mankind, and to give of their plenty to others as a token of brotherhood and of gratitude;

"Therefore, I L. E. Bishop, Mayor of Clinton, South Carolina, do proclaim Friday, March 4, 1949, a Day of Prayer in Clinton; and do call upon all our citizens to give reverent attention to the purposes of this observance and to offer their own prayers and petitions to their Heavenly Father."

February 24, 1949.

County's Share Gas Tax Each Month Shows Big Gain

Special to The Chronicle.
Columbia, Feb. 22.—Laurens county will receive \$6,46 this month as the county's share of the gasoline tax distribution based on the intake dur-

ing January, according to State Treasurer Jeff Bates. One cent of the six cent gasoline tax is distributed monthly among the counties on the basis of automobile licenses sold in the individual counties. The remaining five cents of the tax is retained by the state highway department.

The amount being received by Laurens county this month shows a decided increase over the portion allotted to the county in February a year ago, when Laurens received \$5,861.

The total distribution this month is \$314,576, Treasurer Bates announced. The total amount distributed among the counties in February of 1948 came to \$296,126, over \$18,000 less than the amount being allotted among the South Carolina counties this month.

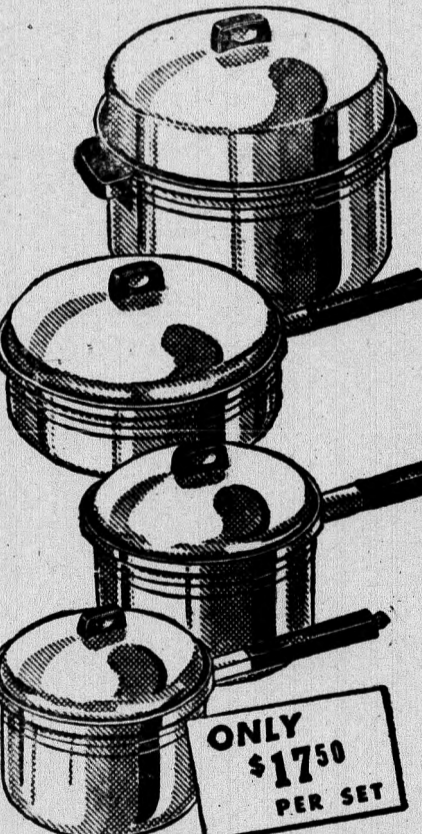
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