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Dec. 19	53	26	47	
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Babson Scans Business Sky For New Year

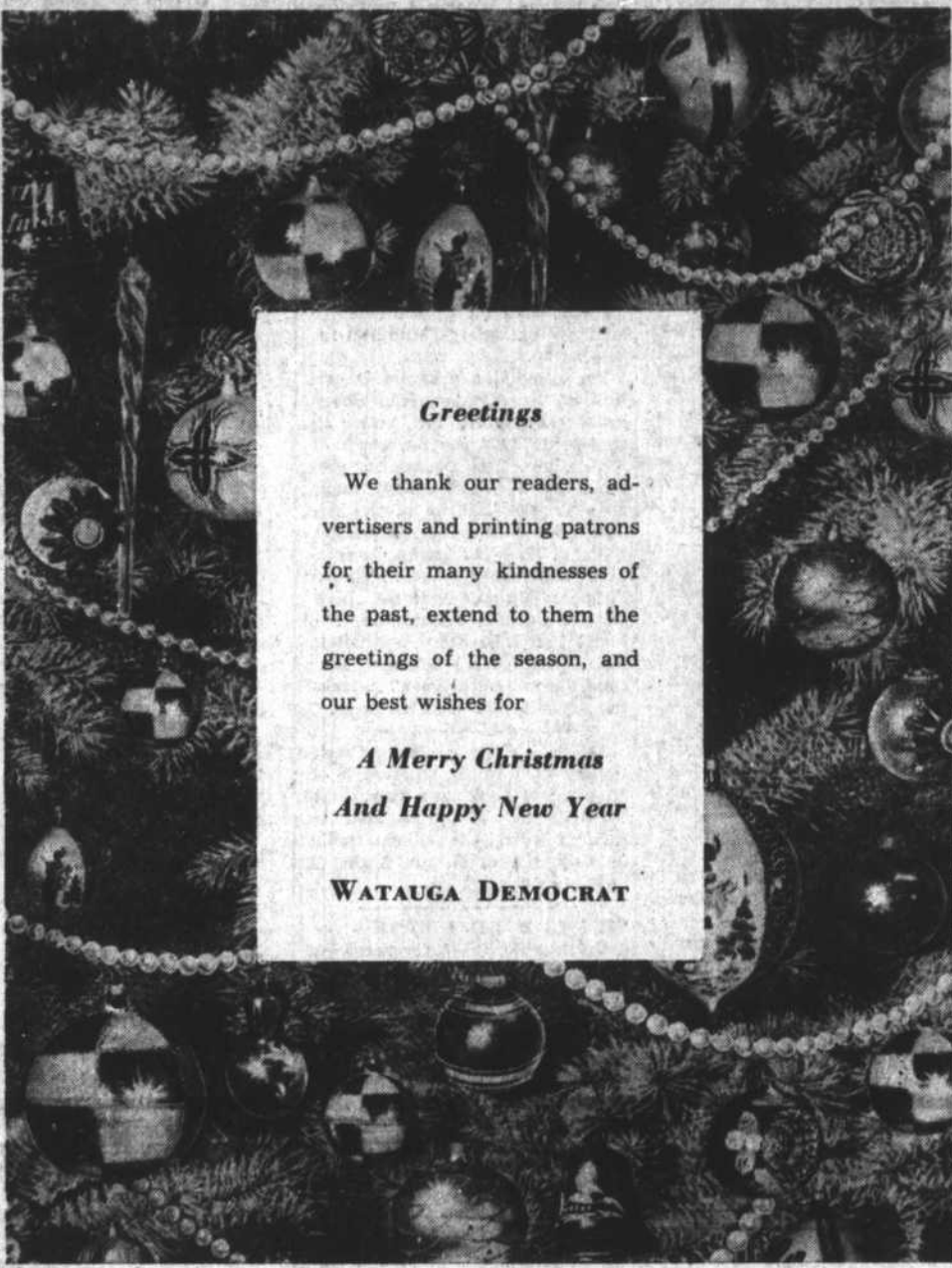
By Roger W. Babson

Both presidential candidates, in their pre-election speeches, promised Peace, Prosperity, and Progress. They stated that they must do this in order to enforce the Employment Act of 1946. This is the basis of my Outlook for 1957, tempered of course by Russia.

1. World War II will not start in 1957.
2. 1957 will witness gradually increasing inflation.
3. Manufacturers will be faced with higher costs for both materials and labor.
4. All businesses will be confronted by increased competition, both within their own industries and from other industries.
5. More advertising will be necessary in 1957 if profits of manufacturers and retailers are to equal those of 1956.
6. Failures will increase in 1957, both as to numbers and liabilities. Thousands of small concerns will be wiped out. One or two of the largest corporations will face bankruptcy or re-organization.
7. Cost of living will rise slightly during 1957.
8. Most labor unions will hesitate to make public fights for higher wages, but will work for shorter hours, pensions, and "fringes."
9. Europe must pay so much for oil that it will have less money for purchasing other goods.
10. Unexpected events will occur during 1957; however, as a whole, business will remain fair, but with smaller profits.

Money Outlook

11. As foreign countries must pay in gold or dollars for oil, their industries will be handicapped, unemployment will increase, and pressure for aid from the United States will be greater.
12. The Federal Reserve Board will not relax its restrictions so long as we have full employment in the United States; but if unemployment increases we may expect a relaxation. I am very glad Mr. Robert Cutler will again be Mr. Eisenhower's adviser.
13. Owing to the tremendous numbers of employees, suppliers, and retailers dependent upon the large corporations, these will be first to receive bank funds.
14. Many plans for expansions of plants, by both big business and little business, will be postponed. Most corporations will find it difficult to get new short-term money at any price in quantity; while long-term financing will be too expensive.
15. Tight money will cause state, municipal, and town governments to postpone plans for building roads, schools, and hospitals except in cases where the Federal Government pays most of the costs. This will put a damper on many lines of business.
16. Owing to these increased money rates, state, municipal, and town bonds, although tax free, have been declining rapidly in price. Most financial advisers forecast much lower prices for such securities. It is possible that the postponement of such building plans may so diminish demand for such money that these non-taxable bonds will sell at higher prices before the year is out. This postponement may also reduce the price of steel and other materials.
17. The money managers for each corporation, large and small, will now arrange their financing needs for two years by either securing the necessary funds now or reducing their requests.
18. Prices of corporation bonds will not recover so quickly as the non-taxable. I forecast lower prices for most corporation bonds.
19. Many of the smaller and newer corporations will be much disappointed by their inability to secure funds during 1957, except by selling convertible preferred stocks on terms very favorable to



Greetings

We thank our readers, advertisers and printing patrons for their many kindnesses of the past, extend to them the greetings of the season, and our best wishes for

A Merry Christmas
And Happy New Year

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Burley Brings \$61 Average

FCX Board Gathers In Annual Meeting

The annual meeting of the local advisory board of the Farmers Cooperative Exchange (FCX) was held here Wednesday night with dinner served in the private dining room of the Boone Trail Restaurant.

Gales W. Scroggs, manager of the Watauga FCX Service, called upon Milton Moretz, of Boone, Route 3, to act as moderator in the absence of Chairman Sanford Creed.

Mr. Scroggs, in the manager's report, cited new services offered farmers by the FCX since the new building was erected on South

Water Street.

Among these, he said, are a complete custom grinding and mixing service, custom corn shelling, and an egg marketing service which has grown from two to three cases a week to ten to twelve cases.

It is the aim of the local cooperative to eventually supply all Boone stores with freshly-laid Watauga County eggs at wholesale prices, said Mr. Scroggs, who urges everyone to ask for eggs produced in Watauga County when buying.

A candling station is also planned, he added, with all eggs being graded.

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WINNING ENTRY—The home decorations of Mrs. Bob Church won first place in the annual Christmas Decorations contest, sponsored by the Junior Women's Club, Watauga Woman's Club, Blue Ridge Garden Club, and the Gardenettes. A color scheme of blue, white and silver was used on the door, with Rudolph's sleigh being white and his nose a twinkling red.—Staff photo by Joe C. Minor.

Guard Armory Is Assured City

Gen. Manning Confers With Local Leaders

The building of an armory in Boone was assured last week when General John H. Manning, adjutant general of the State of North Carolina, Raleigh, visited Boone and surveyed several proposed sites with town officials and Chamber of Commerce leaders.

The armory will be used by the Service Battery, 112th Field Artillery Battalion of the North Carolina National Guard, commanded by Lieutenant Conley Clarke. The battery is now using quarters furnished by the American Legion Post of Boone, the Legion Hut, which is not adequate to carry out a full program as the guard needs.



GENERAL JOHN H. MANNING goes over plans for armory in Boone with Mayor Gordon H. Winkler, right, and Stanley A. Harris, manager of Chamber of Commerce. General Manning approved a site for the building on a visit to Boone Wednesday.—Staff photo by Joe C. Minor.

The armory may be used as a community center when not in use by the battery, according to Lt. Clarke. The guard drills once a week, and except for that night, plans call for making the armory facilities available for town use.

Looking over the sites available with Gen. Manning and Lt. Clarke was Captain Garland Swanson, staff assistant, 112 F. A. Bn., headquarters in Lenoir.

The site selected for building is the James Winkler property, a little over four acres near the Daniel Boone outdoor theatre. Gen. Manning enthusiastically approved the site, and negotiations for acquiring the property are under way.

Junior Burley Show Ends With Banquet

The Junior Tobacco Show ended its two-day session Wednesday night with a banquet for the 4-H and FFA club members, at which awards were made to the winners in the show.

Mr. Woodrow Richardson, Assistant County Agent in charge of 4-H work, announced the following winners in the crop show:

Dwane Edmisten of Beech Creek, from Avery County, won first place; Johnnie Vines, son of Mr. and Mrs. Roby Vines of Bethel, second place; Ned Perry, son of Mr. and Mrs. Don H. Perry of Vilas, third place; Lenn Warren, son of Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Warren of Vilas, fourth; Calvin Wilson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Wilson of Zionville, fifth; Johnnie Hayes, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Hayes, Vilas, sixth; Franklin Cole, son of Mr. and Mrs. Willie Cole of Vilas, seventh; Lenn Matheson, son of Mr. and Mrs. G. D. Matheson of Vilas, eighth; Alfred Bingham, grandson of W. A. Cornett of Trade, Tenn., ninth place; Dean Moody, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Moody of Vilas, tenth place.

The boys were judged on their record books, the practices they followed and the appearance of their tobacco. The judges pulling four hands out of Flying, in which Alfred Bingham won first place, Franklin Cole, second and Len Warren third.

Also judged by pulling four hands—Lugs; Len Warren, first place winner, Eugene Moody, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Moody, second, and Calvin Wilson, third.

By the same method Ned Perry won first place in Leaf, Alfred Bingham second and Kent Yount, third.

Judges were Astor Perry, Extension Tobacco Specialist from State College; J. P. Satterwhite, USDA Marketing Service; Jo Coleman, warehouseman; Cy Johnson and Earl Morton, buyers for large tobacco companies. Alfred Adams presented the awards.

Sponsors of the show and awards were Mountain Burley Warehouse, Northwestern Bank, Goodnight Bros., Caudill's, Andrew's Chevrolet, Belk's, Watauga Savings and Loan, and Stanley Harris.

Cost of construction of the building will be about \$140,000, three-fourths of which will be paid by the federal government and the rest coming from state and local sources. Minimum requirements for the building, according to plans shown by Gen. Manning, calls for a building 126 feet, six inches by 130 feet. It will be of brick construction and one story high.

Included in the structure will be an assembly hall, kitchen, banquet hall, class rooms and office. These plans make it especially suitable for community use as well as guard use.

Blueprint of the building show it to be flexible and it can be expanded to accommodate a whole regiment if ever necessary.

Construction is expected to begin by August of 1957.

Lt. Clarke, who has commanded the local battery since its beginning here in February of 1955, says the maximum strength of the unit is 72 enlisted men, three officers and one warrant officer. There are some vacancies and persons interested in joining the battery may contact him for information on how to join and the benefits to both the guardsman and his country.

Howard Cottrell, chairman of the Armory Committee in the Chamber of Commerce, discussed and went over the plans with them as a luncheon meeting Wednesday.

Democrat Will Observe Yule

The Democrat office is to be closed Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday for the holidays.

Business will be resumed Thursday morning.

PLANE BRAKES FAIL

Parkerburg, W. Va. — When brakes on a Piedmont Airlines plane failed as it was taxiing to a stop near the airport terminal building, the plane plowed through a fence into the building. The copilot and four of the 24 passengers aboard the plane suffered minor injuries. The nose of the plane was jammed back a few feet.

High School Polio Clinics Are Planned

Plans are being laid by the District Health Department to visit the high schools and hold polio immunization clinics around the first of the new year, according to a spokesman for the department.

Dr. Mary Michal, district health officer, said, "It continues to be apparent that the teen-age group, a very susceptible age group, is not taking advantage of the polio vaccine while right now is the time to get ready for next year."

The clinics in the high schools are expected to give students a chance to get immunized against the disease and to make them conscious of the need for their taking the immunization.

Since the Salk vaccine was first released for general use among the younger people of the country the local health department has made efforts to get every child vaccinated. In fact, it was one of the first counties in the state to visit the schools (grammar) and administer the shots.

Clinics are held each Wednesday at the Health Department for the purpose of giving the vaccine and persons under 20 years of age and expectant mothers may be immunized without cost to them at these clinics. Until Wednesday, December 19, about 35 to 40 persons were taking advantage of the clinic each week, but on that day 112 shots were given by the department in Boone.

The vaccine is available to anyone, any age, at private doctors' offices, and everyone is urged to get immunization as there are no known age groups which are not susceptible.

Sufficient vaccine is available for everyone who will use it, and if the vaccine is not used it will be wasted.