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MANY INJURED IN ACCIDENTS

Automobiles and Fire-works Send Nine to Angel Hospital

The Christmas holiday brought a number of injury cases, most of them originating in automobile accidents, to Angel hospital.

At least one injury, as a result of a premature explosion of a firecracker, was reported. Joe Pittillo was the victim. His right hand was severely hurt.

Jack Townsend, of Rainbow Springs, was brought to the hospital suffering from a bad burn on the leg caused by an explosion of a gasoline container.

Ed Rogers, former police chief of Highlands, is a patient in the hospital suffering from a fracture and dislocation of an elbow, received in an automobile collision on the Horse Cove road.

Gene Thomas, of Franklin, received injuries to his chest when he was knocked down by a truck near Bulgin's shop on Highway 28. Ben Gibson, of Franklin, was reported to have been driving the truck.

Dick Slagle, of Route 1, sustained injuries to one eye when his car was side-swiped by a truck the night of December 23 on Highway 28. He was dismissed from the hospital after receiving treatment.

Bill Whitlock and Glen Hooper, enrollees in CCC Camp Ga. F-5 near Clayton, were brought to the hospital with injuries about their heads, received in an automobile wreck.

Oren Ashe and Denver Sorrells, enrollees in CCC Camp NC F-10 at Aquone, also were admitted to the hospital suffering from injuries received in another automobile wreck.

Dr. Angel reported that all patients would recover.

Hospital News

Mrs. M. D. Billings was dismissed from Angel hospital after a week's treatment for an infected eye. She is much improved.

Mrs. Fred Higdon underwent an operation at the hospital Saturday and was dismissed to her home Monday.

Mary Louise Wurst underwent an operation Tuesday morning. Her condition is satisfactory.

Miss Charlotte Dewese, of Asheville, formerly of the Iotla section, underwent an operation in the hospital Tuesday morning.

Don McKinney underwent a sinus operation last Friday; his condition is satisfactory.

Mrs. C. L. Fouts, of Winston-Salem, underwent an operation Monday morning. She was formerly of the Iotla section.

Mrs. Tom Justice, of Tryphosa, is a patient in the Hospital under treatment.

A. R. Higdon

Buys Control of Franklin Hardware Company

Announcement was made this week that A. R. Higdon, manager of the Franklin Hardware company, incorporated, has bought out the interests in the company of Mrs. R. M. Hudson and John B. Henry.

This places Mr. Higdon in full control of the company which deals in hardware, lumber and building materials, and operates a saw and planing mill.

Mr. Higdon said that he had not formulated definite plans for the future course of the company's business and that there would be no immediate changes in its personnel.

400 CHILDREN AT XMAS PARTY

Each Given Bag of Candy And Fruit by Legion's Santa Claus

Four hundred or more Macon county children were made happy by Santa Claus last Thursday at the Christmas tree party held in the county courthouse under the sponsorship of Macon County Post No. 108 of the American Legion.

It was the second year the legion had conducted a Yuletide party for the under-privileged children of the county and the number attending doubled that of last year.

More than \$100 was contributed by legion members and the people of Franklin to defray expenses of the party. Gilmer A. Jones, former commander of the legion, presided at the Christmas tree and made a short talk to the children. The Rev. J. A. Flanagan, post chaplain, also spoke.

A program of Christmas carols was sung by a group of children and Barbara Stockton gave a solo, "Under the Stars."

Each child was given a bag containing candy, oranges and an apple. Many also received a pair of stockings each, while others received pencil scratch pads.

Santa Claus was assisted by Franklin boy scouts in distributing the gifts.

The children came to Franklin for the party from all sections of the county and for a goodly number of them it meant about all the Christmas they would see. They were brought to town by legionnaires.

FUNERAL HELD FOR SHEPHERD

Oak Grove War Veteran Fatally Injured In Accident

Funeral services for Lawrence Shepherd, 44, of Oak Grove, who was fatally injured on Wednesday of last week as he dismounted from a stone-hauling truck on highway No. 286 near Lost Bridge, were held at 3 o'clock last Thursday afternoon at Snow Hill Methodist church.

The last rites were conducted by the Rev. J. J. Edwards, pastor of Snow Hill church, assisted by the Rev. N. E. Holden, pastor of Liberty Baptist church.

Mr. Shepherd, who was employed by Lambert Brothers, stone contractors who are supplying crushed stone for the surfacing of highway No. 286, caught a foot in the wheel of the truck as he dismounted at a stone dump. He evidently thought the truck had come to a standstill, but just as he stepped down, it moved forward, and his body was "wrapped around" the wheel and then covered in an avalanche of crushed stone. He died within five minutes.

Served Overseas

Mr. Shepherd served in Co. L, 120th Infantry of the United States army, during the World War and saw active duty in France from August 31, 1918, until he was invalided on account of wounds on September 29, 1918, a little more than a month before the armistice was signed. He was a member of Liberty Baptist church.

Surviving Mr. Shepherd are his widow, formerly Miss Hattie Rhinehart, of Oak Grove; four children, Wallace, Ellen, Frances and Annie Laura; a step-daughter, his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Shepherd, of Leatherman; four brothers, George and Jim Shepherd, who live in the state of Washington; Gerald Shepherd, of Franklin Route 4, and Arthur Shepherd, of Leatherman; five sisters, Mrs. Lum Jeenhour, of Sylva; Mrs. W. J. West, of West's Mill; Mrs. Irene Crawford, of Cullowhee, and Miss Flora Shepherd, of Leatherman.

AMARILLO, Texas (PA)—The state of Texas furnishes 79 per cent of the United States production of carbon black. This commodity is made from natural gas and is an essential ingredient of manufactured rubber.

Depression Ended, Babson Declares; Good Times Coming

Noted Statistician and Economist Predicts 1937 Will Be "First Year of Real Prosperity Since 1929"—Foresees Building Boom and Steadily Rising Prices—War in Europe Unlikely.

By Roger W. Babson

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BABSON PARK, MASS., Dec. 31.—I predict that 1937 will be our first year of real prosperity since 1929! It will be a year of genuine business expansion, considerable real estate activity, constant labor troubles, shortages of skilled workers, rising prices and living costs, and brisk retail trade.

Nearly every line will enjoy good gains in both volume and profits with the heavy industries showing the greatest percentage improvement. Tuck this forecast away for a check-up next December and I predict that you will find general business around 8 per cent above today's figures and not far from the 1929 peaks!

Business at Normal

A year ago at this time my forecast was: "By next Christmas general business, as measured by the Babsonchart, should be hugging the 'X-Y' Normal Line and heading into another period of prosperity." Statistically, that is exactly where business is today. We are right square on normal.

For the first time in fourteen years, we are crossing the "X-Y" Normal Line on the way into a new prosperity era. A moment's retrospect shows the tremendous distance that we have covered since we touched bottom in March, 1933. The total gain in business has been 78 per cent! Nearly a third of this rise has come during 1936 alone.

1936 Remarkable Year

The year just closed has been a remarkable one in many ways. While it is generally believed that elections do not change the basic course of business, most analysts concede that they are temporarily upsetting. The tide of recovery was running so strong in 1936, however, that it swept over every obstacle and washed out the old year in a burst of glory.

There are scarcely any figures on record that can match 1936's steady gains in jobs, payrolls, industrial activity, profits, and dividends. Topping off the year was a real post-election boom. Wave after wave of wage boosts and bonuses and dividend increases and extras lifted Christmas trade back to old-time levels.

Eight Per Cent Gain for 1937

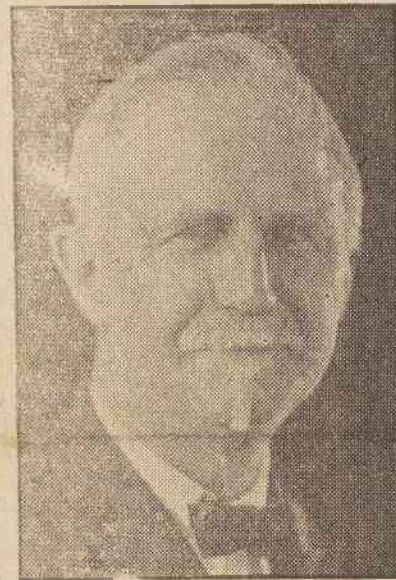
The momentum picked up by this surge of buying will carry into the New Year. Business in 1936 was good. Business in 1937 will be better. My estimate is for a 10 per cent gain in the first six months over the initial half of 1936. It is harder to make a definite prediction for the second half, but I think a 5 per cent gain over the closing months of the old year is within reason.

This would put my Babsonchart Index about 5 per cent above normal by the Fourth of July and approaching 10 per cent over normal by next Christmas. The entire year's gain should average about 7 to 8 per cent above 1936. Business will be above the X-Y line—in other words, in a prosperity era—for the

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LONDON (PA)—For centuries pepper was the staple article of commerce between Europe and Asia. It was once valued on a par with precious metal.

NEW YORK (PA)—Forty-one deaths from football were recorded in the U. S. last year. Of these, 35 deaths were the direct result of gridiron activity.



Roger W. Babson

Hunter Shot

Mistaken for Turkey by Another Hunter

Woodrow Poindexter, 20, was peppered with shotgun shot while hunting in the woods in the Burningtown section, Christmas Eve. Another hunter, Claude Ashe, not knowing that Poindexter was in the vicinity, mistook him for a turkey and fired. Sixteen shot lodged in the back of Poindexter's head but his injury was not regarded as serious and he returned to his home after a Franklin physician removed the shot.



Let the New Year

carry our message of renewed hope and confidence in the future and our appreciation of your friendship and patronage in the past. May 1937 be a year of success and happiness to all.

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Franklin Produce Market LATEST QUOTATIONS

(Prices listed below are subject to change without notice.)
Quoted by Farmers Federation, Inc.
Chickens, heavy breed, hens, 10c
Chickens, light weight, lb. ... 8c
Eggs, doz. 25c
Corn, bu. 80c
Wheat, bu. \$1.10
Potatoes, No. 1 \$1.00
Field peas, bu. \$1.20
Crowder peas, bu. \$2.00
Yellow Mammoth Soy
Beans, bu. \$1.10
Lorida Beans, bu. \$1.25
Onions, bu. 75c

Quoted by Nantahala Creamery
Butterfat, lb. 30c