

The National Outlook

The Washington Atmosphere

By RALPH ROBEY

Old timers say that one has to go back 25 years to find such a widespread feeling of panic in Washington as there is today. Apparently there are three main reasons for this.

First is the stream of unfavorable business news. The quota during the past few days included:

1. Unemployment in mid-February was 5.2 million as compared with 4.5 million a month earlier. The 700,000 increase was much greater than normal for this time of year—in fact it is not unusual for February to mark the beginning of a spring upturn and no amount of rationalization can make the increase other than disturbing.

2. Business plans for investment in plant and equipment have been scaled sharply downward. The peak of such investment was in the third quarter of last year. That was at an annual rate of \$37.75 billion. The amount declined slightly in the fourth quarter. In the first quarter of this year it dropped to \$35.5 billion. The latest survey reveals that the plans for this year now amount to only \$32 billion.

3. Consumer expectations, as measured by a University of Michigan survey, have taken a turn toward pessimism. These surveys, made each year, are highly regarded. When they show that an increasing proportion of consumers is planning less spending for durable goods, such as automobiles and other big item appliances, it should not be ignored. This is especially true at the moment because consumer purchases have been, for many months, the strongest point in the economy.

4. Personal income in February, according to the Department of Commerce, suffered another decline. On an annual basis it was \$341.8 billion, compared to the peak last August of \$347.5 billion.

5. Private housing starts declined in February to an annual rate of 890,000. In January the comparable figure was 1,030,000. Some of this decline resulted from extraordinarily bad weather in the first half of February.

6. Exports again showed a decline in January. The total was 10 per cent below a year earlier, and this followed a December which was off 8 per cent.

Those were some of the unfavorable business items. Of course there also was some encouraging news, but on balance it appeared quite clear that we still are on the decline.

Second of the factors creating a feeling of panic in Washington is the political tug of war going on between the two parties. This probably was inevitable, and has been pushed with surprising vigor. The New-Fair Dealers, who operate through the Democratic Party, are determined to place the blame for the current down turn on Conservatives, who operate mainly through the Republican Party.

Needless to say the Conservatives, whether Republican or Democrats, do not appreciate this effort to make them responsible in the public mind, and they have been fighting back in every way possible. At the moment, the immediate maneuver is concerned primarily with development of an anti-recession program and doing it in a manner which will yield credit to themselves. The Conservatives are tending to move cautiously although New-Fair Dealers introduce bills almost every day, almost everyone of which would assure a larger deficit in federal finances.

The third factor helping to create a feeling of panic is worry over the Russian situation. This is not as strong as when the Sputniks were first put into orbit. But a lot of persons still are uncertain that we are as well off, either militarily or economically, as they have been led to believe.

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It is, of course, unfortunate that these three things had to impinge upon us simultaneously. Therefore, too much must not be read into them. They do not mean that we are headed into a major depression. There is no such indication. And there is nothing in the economic system which should lead to that type of readjustment. Rather, this is, according to all statistics available, nothing more than a recession. It may be a bit more severe than the set-back in 1949 or that of 1953-54, and it may last longer, but there is no reason for assuming and planning for a real economic shake-out.

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

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tionship with Christ. At the same time he becomes one with those who make up the fellowship of the Church, which is His body.

Infant baptism means that the parents are dedicating the life of their child to God. Later, when the child joins the Church, he himself accepts as his own expression of faith the vow taken for him at his baptism. Baptism, therefore, is one of our most sacred symbols. It represents for us God's forgiving grace.

The Holy Communion as a Christian sacrament is also a rite of corporate significance. It is within the fellowship of faith, also, that this rite attains its greatest symbolic meaning. The communion meal of the early church was a memorial of the Incarnation that ended with Christ's Crucifixion. In the memorial feast, the Church found God present again. As the bread and wine were consumed, Jesus seemed again to be with his followers. Assurance of forgiveness became complete again as the saving presence of the Christ was recognized. "... and when He had given thanks, he brake it, and said, Take, eat; this is my body, which is broken for you: this do in remembrance of me. . . . He took the cup, when he had supped, saying, This cup is the new testament in my blood; this do ye, as oft as ye drink it, in remembrance of me. For as often as ye eat this bread, and drink this cup, ye do shew the Lord's death till he come." (I Corinthians 11:24-26)

As the observance of the Holy Communion quickens our faith, we repent of our sins, both of the body and of the spirit. In partaking of the holy elements we sense the continuous forgiveness granted by God to us, his children.

The Lord's table is the altar to which the Christian repairs. The service is for members of the holy fellowship, but the words of the invitation read: "Ye that do truly and earnestly repent of your sins. . . ." These words clearly indicate that they are not addressed to merely the perfect among us, but also to the imperfect, of whom there are legion. Let us all avail ourselves of this wonderful invitation, and dedicate ourselves anew to the service of Jesus Christ.

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Not Impressed

Judge—Didn't I tell you the last time you were here that I didn't want to see you here again?

Prisoner—Yes, your Honor, that's what I told these policemen, but they wouldn't believe it.

People would be healthier if they had a mind for it.

"WISDOM OF THE AGES"

"A man's opportunities are usually measured by his own abilities; his friendships by his capacity for service."

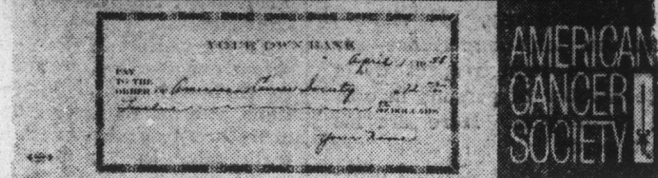
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W. L. Langdale Dies After Long Illness

William Luther Langdale, 58, died in Chowan Hospital Saturday morning at 4 o'clock after a lingering illness. A native of Bertie County, he was the son of the late Nancy Elizabeth and Lewis William Langdale. He was a bookkeeper for the Harrell Oil Company.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Myrtle Mizell Langdale; a son, Harold Elton Langdale of Edenton; five daughters, Mrs. Marie Kubaski of Warwick, Va., Mrs. Jackie Glass of Charlotte, Miss Shirley Langdale of Elizabeth City and Mrs. Thelma Goodwin and Mrs. Beulah Owens, both of Edenton; a brother, Thomas E. Langdale of Galveston, Texas, and four sisters, Mrs. Hilda Keeter and Mrs. Margaret Hassell both of Edenton, Mrs. Blanche Matthews and Mrs. Daisy Hasty, both of Portsmouth. He was a member of the Lawrence's Baptist Church in Bertie County.

Funeral services were held at the Williford Funeral Home Monday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock. The Rev. R. N. Carroll, pastor of the Edenton Baptist Church, officiated and burial was in Beaver Hill Cemetery.

Palbearers were Louis Harrell, Percy Dail, Gurnie Hobbs, Jesse Perry, Nathan Owens and Edwin Goodwin.

VFW Hot Line Post 9280

By J. NASH

The regular weekly meeting of William H. Coffield Post No. 9280 was convened on Tuesday night, March 18, at 7:30 o'clock. The business was disposed of and the floor was opened to nominations for the coming year's officers. Several nominations were received for each office. On Tuesday night, March 25, elections will be held for all offices with exception of second and third year trustee. The following Tuesday night, which by the way is all fools' day (no reflection) will be the installation of all newly-elected officers. A list of all newly-elected officers may be found elsewhere in this paper as the deadline of this column occurred before the election took place.

The teen dances every Saturday afternoon from 2 to 6 P. M., are enjoying good success. During the period, Randy Lee and the dance party starts the radio portion at three and extends a cordial invitation to all age groups to visit the Post home for a real dance party. Come on out and bring a friend. Cost is absolutely nothing. You can't beat it, may as well join it. . . .

Don't forget the dance starting at 9 every Saturday night. Admission to members and or couples only. Cost is \$1.00 per couple.

This week's selection of "VFW Man of the Week" is Robert Goodwin. Robert lives with his wife and two children at 815 Bond Street in Edenton. He is married to the former Thelma Langdale also of Edenton. Their two boys are Bobby, 7½ years, and Billy, 4½ years. Robert is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest E. Goodwin of Johnston Street in Edenton.

Robert Goodwin was unanimously selected "VFW Man of the Week" at the regular Tuesday night meeting March 18. He was selected for the week ending March 22. Mr. Goodwin was commended for his fine work as Post quartermaster serving William H. Coffield, Jr., Post 9280 in a highly efficient manner, with devotion not only to this post but to the Veterans of Foreign Wars in general. Congratulations, Robert Goodwin, for a job well done.

Someone asked me the other day, why do men join the VFW? Why should I join the VFW? What can it do for me? Well, I might have asked, what can you do for the VFW? Instead, I tried to explain, as best I could, what and why men join and support the Veterans of Foreign Wars. Why men join, I said, is because the VFW works day in and day out for the welfare of disabled war veterans. Its program of welfare and rehabilitation is second to none: because the VFW stands guard over the welfare of the widows and orphans of war veterans through the national home located in Eaton Rapids, Michigan; because the VFW is protecting such laws as the GI Bill of Rights and readjustment benefits; because the VFW hand of comradeship is always ready to assist a comrade in distress and his dependents; because the VFW is fighting communism and subversive movements that would destroy or undermine our form of government; because the VFW believes good citizenship is best expressed in terms of projects that help make each community a better place to live; and finally, because VFW membership is restricted to overseas veterans exclusively; your cross of Malta emblem is a priceless decoration—one which must be earned as a member of the armed forces—and one that can't be purchased with money, power or influence. With that, I filled in his membership card recognizing a new member.

Hospital Patients

Visiting Hours: 10 to 11 A. M., 2 to 4 P. M., and 6 to 8 P. M. Children Under 12 Years of Age Not Permitted To Visit Patients.

Patients admitted to the Chowan Hospital during the week of March 17-23 were:

White

Mrs. Peggy J. Tarkington, Edenton; Mrs. Ruth A. Chappell, Tyner; Mrs. Theresa McDonald, Edenton; Mrs. Mary E. White, Hobbville; Mrs. Lola Harrell, Hertford; Mrs. Patricia Guerra, Edenton; Mrs. Marjorie Britton, Edenton; Mrs. Gaye Phelps, Columbia; Mrs. Sandra Summers, Hertford; Mrs. Marilyn Scott, Edenton; Mrs. Eleanor Frances Atkins, Edenton; Mrs. Elizabeth Engel, Edenton; Mrs. Emma J. Ambrose, Creswell; Mrs. Jinnie Miller, Edenton; Miss Blanche Cayton, Edenton; Mrs. Mary Belch, Edenton; Mrs. Malvie White, Edenton; Mrs. Christine Spivey, Edenton; Miss Linda Jean Byrum, Tyner; William Langdale, Edenton; Timothy Jessup, Hobbville; Mrs. Bessie Twiddy, Edenton; Mrs. Edith Cumbia, Columbia; John Habit, Edenton; Mrs. Denise Grande, Edenton; Mrs. Patricia Davenport, Creswell; Mrs. Janice Mae Boyce, Hertford; Elbert K. White, Edenton; Mrs. Elsie Forehand, Edenton; Mrs. Clara Ray, Edenton; Max Garland, Edenton; Mrs. Mary A. Hess, Edenton; E. L. Ward, Edenton; Lt. C. M. Parker, Hertford; Mrs. Barbara Copeland, Hertford.

Negro

Daisy Privott, Edenton; Solomon Hurdle, Edenton; Eula Belle Blanchard, Edenton; Marie A. Webb, Roper; Elnora Daisy White, Winfall; Clifton Stallings, Edenton.

Patients discharged from the hospital during the same week were:

White

Jimmie Riddick, Edenton; Mrs. Nettie Bell Gasper, Edenton; Mrs. Lena Bunch, Edenton; Master Elvin Britton, Edenton; Mrs. Florence Smith, Edenton; Mrs. Grace Ober, Edenton; Mrs. Elsie Forehand, Edenton; Mrs. Betty Dodge, Edenton; Mrs. Peggy Tarkington, Edenton; Mrs. Theresa McDonald, Edenton; Mrs. Mary White, Tyner; Mrs. Lola Harrell, Hertford; Mrs. Patricia Guerra, Edenton.

Mrs. Marjorie Britton, Edenton; Mrs. Gaye Phelps, Columbia; Mrs. Marilyn Scott, Edenton; Mrs. Jinnie Miller, Edenton; Elbert K. White, Edenton; Mrs. Bessie H. Twiddy, Edenton; William S. Privott, Edenton; Miss Linda Jean Byrum, Tyner; Miss Glenda Layden, Edenton; Mrs. Janice Mae Boyce, Hertford; Mrs. Eleanor Atkins, Edenton.

Negro

Shirley Winborne, Edenton; Edward D. Hunter, Belvidere; Herman Hall, Edenton; Katie Bell Rankins, Merry Hill; Carrie Bell, Merry Hill; Eula Belle Blanchard, Edenton; George Skinner, Creswell.

Births

Births during the same period were:

Mr. and Mrs. Sammy B. Tarkington of Edenton, a son; Mr. and Mrs. Edward F. McDonald of Edenton, a daughter; Cpl. and

Mrs. Joe Guerra of Edenton, a daughter; Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Britton of Edenton, a daughter; Sgt. and Mrs. Jackie D. Atkins of Edenton, a daughter; Mr. and Mrs. Robert L. Webb of Roper, a son; Cpl. and Mrs. Cuna Engel of Edenton, a son; Cpl. and Mrs. Robert Summers of Edenton, a daughter; Lt. and Mrs. Gervino Grande of Edenton, a son; Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Forehand of Edenton, a daughter; Mr. and James Davenport of Creswell, a daughter; Mr. and Mrs. Elbert White of Winfall, a daughter. Visiting ministers for the week of March 23-30 are: White, the Rev. Francis Smith; Negro, the Rev. Selly Goldman.

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FARM FOR SALE

By authority given the undersigned by all the heirs of John J. Byrum, deceased, the undersigned will sell at public auction for cash to the highest bidder on March 29, 1958, at twelve o'clock noon, at the Court House door in Edenton, North Carolina, that farm formerly owned by John J. Byrum, deceased, located approximately 18 miles North of Edenton near Ryland, lying in Third Township, Chowan County, North Carolina, described as follows:

(1) Commencing at the gate on the main road running South 23½ degrees West 6 chains to a dead pine, then South 88 degrees West 8 1/10 chains to a sweet gum in the center of branch, then along center of said branch to the run of Sandy run swamp, then along run of swamp to Donnie Byrum's line, then along said Donnie Byrum's line to the first station, containing thirty-six (36) acres. This being John J. Byrum's part of the land owned by his father C. S. Byrum, deceased, home place.

(2) A small tract of land adjoining the above bounded as follows: Beginning at a pine stump, where J. J. Byrum, R. S. Ward and J. D. Ward corners running an Easterly course 55½ feet to the New road, thence a Southernly course along New Road to J. J. Byrum's line 380 feet, thence a Southernly course along said line to the first station. Containing one-fourth acre, more or less.

This land has the following allotments:

3.9 ACRES PEANUTS
2.3 ACRES COTTON
7.4 ACRES CORN

Reserved and excepted from the above land is the Byrum family graveyard containing approximately one-half acre, the boundaries of which have been marked.

The successful bidder at this sale will be required to make a deposit of five (5%) per cent of his bid pending advanced bid, said sale to remain open for ten (10) days for advanced bid to be made to the undersigned. In event of advance bid there will be a Re-sale of this property.

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