

The National Outlook The President's Economic Report By RALPH ROBEY

President Eisenhower's final Economic Report is, as would be expected, in harmony with his earlier State of the Union and Budget messages. The Economic Report is prepared with the aid of the Council of economic advisers and with the assistance of the heads of the various executive departments and independent agencies whose fields are covered.

Most of the work, however, falls to the Council and it primarily deserves whatever credit or criticism arises from the report. This year it is credit, although there doubtless will be plenty of criticism because the report takes a fundamentally optimistic point of view.

The first chapter discusses economic developments and policies of 1960. Chapter two is a resume of experience under the Employment Act of 1946, which created the Council of Economic Advisers. The third chapter is devoted to "Policies for the Future," which contains the legislative recommendations. Then comes the customary report on the activities of the Council of Economic Advisers during 1960. Next is an analysis of three outstanding problems—employment and earnings, agriculture and United States foreign trade and payments. Finally there is the usual series of statistical tables.

The statistical tables are a most valuable source of factual data. The discussion of the three problems is excellent. The recommendations for legislative action are repetition and will carry no particular weight in the present Congress. The history of experience under the Employment Act is interesting and gives a good perspective on this period, but the chapter on what happened in 1960 and the business outlook is by far the most important and significant.

In this analysis by the President there is a clear recognition that, while 1960 was the best year in the nation's history, a mild downturn started in the second half and gradually spread over a wider and wider proportion of the economic system. At no point, however, is the term "recession" applied to this slack-

ening of business activity, and it is emphasized that the decline is so small that no special government action is needed to get us on the upgrade again. Further, it is anticipated that an upturn will start in a short time.

The budget message makes this same assumption, and that, plus the recommended legislation, such as increasing postal rates, is what provides for the projected budget surplus for the fiscal year starting next July 1.

It goes without saying that this is contrary to the task force recommendations that have been made to President Kennedy. These have been to the effect that we are in the midst of a recession and that it will get much worse before it gets better, therefore positive government action is necessary, and all such action must increase expenditures.

Which one of these two points of view will win out in the Congress is not much of a question. Government spending will increase beyond any doubt, and was so recommended by the outgoing Administration. The amount of the increase is not yet determined, and neither is the place nor means for bringing about the rise. But the rise will be an appreciable amount and since states and municipalities also are increasing their outlays, the total will be sufficient to have an effect upon the business trend.

This is one of the so-called favorable factors listed by the President in his Economic Report. Of more importance, however, is his conviction that there are no major weak spots in the economy—nothing that will call for either a prolonged or severe readjustment. This does not mean that he does not see problems. He sees many of them and devotes a lot of space to their analysis. But, in the President's judgment, the problems can, and should be, handled in the coming period of rising prosperity.

Children aren't happy with nothing to ignore. And that's what parents were created for.
—Ogden Nash.



HOOKE RIDER—AND FISH—Actor Jack Lemmon proudly shows off his first deep-sea catch—a whopping 100-pound sailfish—while on vacation in Acapulco, Mexico. Jack hooked his trophy while a guest on the yacht of former Mexican President Miguel Aleman.

Negro Home Demonstration News

By MRS. ONNIE S. CHARLTON, County Negro Home Economics Agent

Each day our food should supply us with many different nutrients—

Protein for growth and for repair of the body. Minerals and vitamins for growth and to keep the body functioning properly. Fat and carbohydrates for energy.

Among our food problems, planning groups chose to concentrate this year on the use of green or yellow vegetables daily in our meals. Monthly demonstrations on this problem, have been planned to encourage the production, conservation, preparation and use of dark green or yellow vegetables each day. (Vitamin A rich vegetables).

To accomplish our goal, families must have a home vegetable garden. Have you planned your family garden? If not, do so immediately. Plan to produce enough for your family and a good variety. Soon you will be planting Irish potatoes, asparagus, onions, carrots, mustard, radish, kale, spinach, salsify, artichoke, horseradish, leek leaf lettuce and garden peas. Sow tomato, pepper and egg plant seed under glass. Set out let-

tuce, cabbage, collard, broccoli and cauliflower plants.

Remember each neighborhood will have a vegetable garden tour during May or June.

February Schedule
Feb. 6—YMW Club, Robin's Restaurant at 8:00 P. M.
Feb. 7—4-H Clubs at White Oak School.

Feb. 8—Center Hill Community at Community Building, 7:30 P. M.

Feb. 9—4-H Club at St. John School; Hudson Grove Community at Hall, 7:30 P. M.; St. John Community at John School, 7:30 P. M.

Feb. 10—Leader Training Meeting (Garden and Canning), office at 1:30 P. M.

Feb. 13—4-H Clubs, Edenton High School.

Feb. 14—4-H Clubs, Edenton High School; Edenton HD Club, Mrs. Bessie Walton at 8:00 P. M.; Canaan Temple Community, hall at 7:30 P. M.

Feb. 16—Triangle Community at 7:30.

Feb. 20—Paradise Road HD Club, Mrs. Mary B. Jones at 7:00 and Paradise Road Community at 8:30 P. M.

Feb. 21—Hudson Grove HD Club, hall at 2:30 P. M.

Feb. 22—Canaan Temple HD Club, Mrs. L. B. Coston at 2:30 P. M.

Feb. 23—St. John HD Club, Mrs. Olivia Wiggins at 1:00 P. M.

Feb. 24—Triangle HD Club, Mrs. Hester Wynn at 2:30 P. M.

Feb. 27—Virginia Fork HD Club, Mrs. Martha Johnson at 7:30 P. M.

Feb. 28—Warren Grove HD Club, Mrs. Cleo Bonner at 2:30 P. M.; Warren Grove-Green Hall Community, Educational Building at 7:30 P. M.
Mar. 1—Green Hall HD Club,

Mrs. Louvenia Valentine at 2:30 P. M.
Mar. 2—Center Hill HD Club, Community Building, 2:30 P. M.
Mar. 2—Ryans Grove Community, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest White at 7:30 P. M.
Mar. 3—Ryans Grove HD Club, Mrs. Tamar White at 2:30 P. M.

WITH THE FARM WOMEN

By MAIDRED MORRIS

Summer Workshops Prove Profitable

Mrs. Angie Henderson attended the Home Demonstration handicraft workshop this summer and became quite a craftsman in copper tooling. She has conducted five workshops for women in her local club. Three of those members recently helped her teach a class in Lillington.

Mrs. Ruby Parker, home economics agent, reports that 20 planters, two wall plaques, and one waste basket were made.

Adapting Your Room For The Child

"Houses are often built and furnished with little thought and consideration for children's needs and interests," says Mrs. Sara Stewart, home economics agent in Cabarrus County. "Many simple ideas in furnishings can be used in homes for more comfortable working, playing, eating and sleeping."

Mrs. Stewart recently told her Home Demonstration Club women that unfinished furniture would offer good possibilities in useful, sturdy furnishings since children enjoy stools, chairs and tables that fit them. "A bit of imagination, initiative, hammer and nails, can result in many simple but useful items that children can enjoy."

Sweet Potatoes On Your Menu

Have you tried sweet potato biscuits? At the Harlowe Home Demonstration Club meeting in Carteret County, Mrs. Joyce Shrake also showed club members how to make a sweet potato cake.

According to Mrs. Floy Garner, home economics agent, many of the women had lived in Eastern North Carolina all their life but had not tried using sweet potatoes in the many new ways.

Received Highest 4-H Award

Betty Jean Nance of Jackson and Stewart Lanier of Conway received the top 4-H awards presented in Northampton County recently. They received the achievement award which is presented for outstanding work in the 4-H program.

Mrs. Sylvia Lassiter, assistant home economics agent, reports three adult leaders received the clover award. Mrs. Joe Harrington

was recognized for serving as a leader for 20 years, Mrs. Hinton Britton for 15 years, and Mrs. Julian Porter for 10 years.

Firearm Safety

Are girls really interested in shooting and firearm safety? Recently, 4-H girls in Henderston County showed much interest in hunting, target practice and shooting in self defense.

Miss Peggy Ann Hall, assistant home economics agent, says the training program also featured the ten commandments of fire arm safety.

How To Do Your Banking

"What would happen if an individual wrote a check to pay for groceries and then stopped payment on it?" This was one of many questions answered by representatives of two banks in Caldwell County at local Home Demonstration Club meetings.

Miss Ainslee Alexander, home economics agent, says the club women will also tour the banks as part of the training in banking.

What Causes Poor School Attendance?

Based on a study of 11,973 cases in Louisiana, it was found that 30 per cent of attendance problems were due to family problems. Only 10.5 per cent of absences were due to educational problems, the study revealed.

Economic problems accounted for 19.6 per cent of those having poor attendance, 16.3 per cent were due to personality and adjustment problems, 12.0 per cent to community environment, and 11.6 per cent to health problems.

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RED MEN MEETING
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