

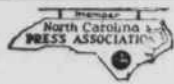
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MEDITATION

"O God, in the assurance of thy Presence lead us to assume some large responsibility in life. Lift our vision to where we may see the appeal of some task that is commensurate with thy greatness. Before all voices which whisper to us of ease and caution and compromise, make us to feel the compulsion of thy desires, and the power of thy indwelling love. From insensitiveness to need and from weakness in leadership we would be saved."

Did Not Spare The Trees

Ask the old folks who lived in new timber countries in the days of their youth about the waste of the "forests that will last forever." They will tell you that it is true that in the new timber regions, such as Michigan, Wisconsin and Minnesota, that every new site for a village was stripped clean of its natural growth of timber until it looked like a prairie country; the next performance was to provide all kinds of trees that were supplied by mail order houses and Eastern nurseries.

There were narrow-gauge railroads operated from the town saw mills in all directions for a radius as high as 25 miles. Woodsmen cut down the big trees and left the small ones. Invariably there was a forest fire and these forest fires destroyed more growing timber than ever were sent to the mills. There would be plenty of forests today if the forests had been protected. It's just another case of "willful waste brings woeful want."

One hundred years ago — before it was too late—Longfellow wrote his poem "Evangeline." He described the forest:

"This is the forest primeval. The murmuring pines and the hemlocks, bearded with moss and in garments green, indistinct in the twilight, stand like Druids of old, with voices sad and prophetic."

None Needed

Evidence that World War II veterans seeking jobs are finding them is seen in recent figures from the Bureau of Labor Statistics and other sources, giving a cross-section picture of the industrial employment situation.

Throughout all manufacturing 18 per cent of employes in the latest survey were veterans. The total takes in both men and women, production workers and office workers. In some industries, the automobile industry for instance, the percentages are higher. The figure is 27 per cent in the automotive group, and one company, General Motors, reports 35 per cent of the employes are World War II veterans.

That returned veterans are doing a good job and rarely fail to measure up is shown by the extremely low discharge rate in the GM survey, which reports only two-tenths of one per cent of the veterans it has employed have failed to make the grade.

Industry has taken back its full share of the service folk, and its pretty certain their jobs will stay solid if the entire economic plan of the Nation does not become tangled. Continuous steady production is the best guarantee for high employment. Those jiggling the production apperact now are the ones most likely to bring a return of the apple stands that were the sad lot of some World War I veterans.

Local Newspapers

The United States Senate Small Business Committee is looking into so-called problems of the "rapid growth and concentration of newspaper ownership by chains and individuals." According to Senator Murray "the smaller papers, both daily and weekly, are having a difficult time. They face higher costs of labor and everything else from paper to machinery."

In "old times" the so-called "country papers" used ready prints, or "patent insides." The "machine age" overtook thousands of those publications, and they went forward, not backward, when they installed typesetting machines.

OUR DEMOCRACY—by Mat

Resolved: MORE FAMILY HAPPINESS IN THE NEW YEAR



That meant that they increased their service to their community with more news, feature and editorial space than existed in the olden days. Nowadays we call these dailies and weeklies "Family Newspapers." They haven't slid back, and they don't need sympathy. They do deserve applause and cheers. The "chains" are a result of "more power" in local newspapers.

There never has been a time in all history when Family Newspapers were so important and powerful as they are today. — National Industries News Service.

Agricultural and nutritional science have been developed to the point where it is now possible to banish hunger from the earth, says Clinton P. Anderson, U. S. Secretary of Agriculture.

Seven years ago W. J. Smith, a unit-test demonstration farmer in Buncombe County, produced 275

bushels of corn on 11 acres. In 1946 he grew 324 bushels on 4 acres.

In discussing the 1947 gardening program, President Truman said: "The value of gardening in building strong bodies, healthy minds and a happy people has never been greater."

The Word Made Flesh

HIGHLIGHTS ON THE SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

By NEWMAN CAMPBELL
(The International Uniform Lesson on the above topic for Jan. 5 is I John 1, the Memory Verse being I John 1:4, "These things we write, that our joy may be made full.")

THE BEGINNING of the first book of John, the disciple beloved of Jesus, reminds us of the beginning of Genesis, "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God."

Genesis tells us of the beginning of the World; John of the beginning of Jesus' ministry with John the Baptist heralding His coming.

We are reminded that Matthew began his book by tracing Jesus' genealogy back to Abraham; Mark with the preaching of John the Baptist, Luke with the announcement to Zacharias that he was to have a son and call him John, afterwards, the Baptist, and later with the announcement to Mary by the angel; then the birth of John, then of Jesus, etc.

"There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. The same came for a witness, to bear witness of the Light, that all men through him might believe."

John and his preaching gained a good deal of attention in the then known world, and the Jewish church leaders sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to Bethany to question him. "Who art thou?" they asked him. John said he was not the Christ. "Art thou Elias?" they asked. "I am not," said John. "Art thou a prophet?" and he answered no.

"Then they said unto him, Who art thou? that we may give an answer to them that sent us. What sayest thou of thyself?"

Then John answered, "I am the voice of one crying in the wilderness. Make straight the way of the Lord."

Then they asked him, "Why baptizest thou then, if thou be not that Christ, nor Elias, neither that prophet?"

John Baptized With Water

"John answered them, saying, 'I baptize with water; but there standeth one among you, whom ye know not; He it is, who coming after me is preferred before me, whose shoe's latchet I am not worthy to unloose.'"

The scene of this happening was in Bethabara, or Bethany, beyond the Jordan. The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him, and he proclaimed, "Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world. This is

He of whom I said, After me cometh a man which is preferred before me."

Further John said, "I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it abode upon Him. And I knew Him not; but He that sent me to baptize with water, the same said unto me, Upon whom thou shalt see the Spirit descending, and remaining on Him, is He which baptizeth with the Holy Ghost."

The next day John stood with two of his disciples, and saw Jesus walking, and said, "Behold the Lamb of God." The two disciples heard his words and they followed Jesus. Jesus saw them following Him and said to them, "What seek ye?" They said to Him, "Master, where dwellest Thou?"

Jesus said to them, "Come and see," and they went and saw where He dwelt and they stayed with Him that day. "One of the two which heard John speak, and followed Him, was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother." Andrew first found his brother Simon and said to him, "We have found the Messiah," and he brought Simon to Jesus.

When Jesus beheld him, He said, Thou art Simon the son of Jona; thou shalt be called Cephas, which is by interpretation, a stone.

The day following Jesus went into Galilee and found Philip, and said to him, "Follow Me." Philip found Nathanael, and said to him, "We have found Him, of whom Moses in the law, and the prophets, did write, Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph."

But Nathanael said, "Can any good thing come out of Nazareth?" Philip said, "Come and see." Now when Jesus saw Nathanael he said, "Behold an Israelite indeed, in whom is no guile!" Nathanael was surprised and asked, "Whence knowest Thou me?" Jesus answered, "Before Philip called thee, when thou wast under the fig tree, I saw thee."

Then Nathanael said, "Rabbi (or Master), Thou art the Son of God; Thou art the King of Israel." Jesus answered, "Because I said unto thee, I saw thee under the fig tree, believest thou? thou shalt see greater things than these."

And He also said, "Verily I say unto you, Hereafter ye shall see the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man." This was the start of Jesus' ministry, according to John's testament.

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Babson's Financial Outlook For 1947

1947 IN A NUTSHELL

BUSINESS—To reach higher levels than recorded in 1946
COMMODITIES—Opposing trends
LABOR—Some basic problems to be solved
REAL ESTATE—Continued good demand for modern suburban homes
POLITICS—Increased foreign troubles
STOCKS—To work higher
BONDS—Firmness temporary



Roger W. Babson

By ROGER W. BABSON

1. One great event of 1947 will be a beginning of a movement of population from the big coastal cities to the small interior cities, unless definite steps are taken for world disarmament.

GENERAL BUSINESS

2. A year ago the U. S. Babson-chart registered 130. Today it is estimated at 160. The Canadian Babson-chart registered 190 a year ago. Today it is estimated at 204. Sometime during 1947 these Charts will register higher figures.

3. Reconversion of industry from war to peace has been completed although the great government surpluses have not yet been disposed of, leaving much more to be sold in 1947.

4. Inventories, quoted both at their price values and their volumes, will increase during 1947. Both raw material piles and manufactured goods will be in greater supply in 1947.

COMMODITY PRICES

5. Some rationing and priorities may continue into 1947; but both will rapidly be eliminated. Government regulations will gradually be lessened. World War II will officially be ended.

6. The retail prices of most manufactured products will be higher sometime during 1947 than at present. The prices of some of the food products may decline.

7. The unit sales of some department stores will begin to decline sometime during 1947; but the sales of food and variety chains may continue at peak figures.

8. The great question mark of 1947 will be how labor is to behave. Higher wage rates and less production per man inevitably mean higher prices.

FARM OUTLOOK

9. Pending a weather upset, more bushels of corn and wheat and of some other products will be raised in 1947 than ever before in our history. Although some prices may slide off, the total farm income for 1947 should hold up fairly well. But farmers should diversify more in 1947.

10. There should be an increase in certain fruits, fish products and vegetables with a decline in prices. The United States will have more to eat in 1947 than in 1946, probably 10% over the prewar level.

11. Dairy and poultry products will continue to increase in volume with no increase in price; but fats, sugar and some canned goods will continue short.

12. Farmers will start in 1947 to work to extend legislation on their parity program due to fear of a collapse in farm prices.

TAXES

13. Taxes will not be increased during 1947; and there should be further reductions. More nuisance taxes may be eliminated altogether.

14. The Federal Debt will be decreased during 1947 and the Federal Budget may be balanced by June 30, 1948.

15. The cost of living will continue to rise during 1947 due largely to the lack of interest in their work by so many wage-workers.

16. Providing jobs for returning soldiers at satisfactory wages will be a big political task of 1947. There should be jobs for all, but not at the wages desired.

RETAIL SALES

17. The total volume of all retail sales will be about the same as in 1946. Poor quality goods will suffer, but many items now unavailable will be purchased.

18. The total dollar value of all retail sales should exceed 1946 with an increased demand for woolen and cotton textiles.

19. There will be a continued demand for men's clothing and especially for shirts and underwear.

20. Wise shoppers will buy only what they need and not grab to stock up on goods not absolutely required.

FOREIGN TRADE

21. The United States will own over 50% of the world's shipping in 1947 and foreign trade will increase.

22. We will continue our policy of making foreign loans, provided the borrowers will agree to spend a fair proportion of the money in America.

23. Both the British Empire and Russia will keenly compete for foreign trade during 1947; but cartels and Government mono-

polies will be frowned upon. 24. Throughout 1947 war talk will continue, the thought being that, sooner or later, England — who truly is in a terrible predicament — will "shoot" to stop further Russian aggression.

LABOR

25. Even President Truman's "eighteen and one-half cents" will be forgotten during 1947. The year will be noted for threatened strikes and labor disturbances.

26. Industrial employment during 1947 could be up both in hours and in pay rolls, labor leaders' discouraging attitude notwithstanding.

27. Many industries, now operating on a forty-hour week, will return to a longer week during 1947. There will be no wage reductions and some further advances.

28. The Government will try to demand better management and closer labor-management relations. Such prospects are not bright for 1947; but Congress will repeal or amend some of the present labor laws which are very unfair to management.

INFLATION

29. The Inflation Era, which we have been forecasting for several years, will be in full swing; but the reckless printing of currency will not come until after 1950.

30. All 1947 wage increases will be distinctly inflationary.

31. Sometime during 1947 production in many lines will have caught up with consumption, people will have spent their savings and then there will be a surplus of goods.

32. If Stalin's health continues good, he will be the world's most powerful man in 1947, even from an economic standpoint.

STOCK MARKET

33. The rails may suffer still further declines sometime during 1947. Certain industrial manufacturing and other war stocks will further decline during 1947; but the Dow-Jones Industrial Averages will register higher prices sometime during 1947 than the December, 1946, averages. All depends upon how Labor behaves in America and how Russia behaves abroad and upon what the United Nations do as to disarmament.

34. The safest stocks to buy — considering value, income and safety — will continue to be "chain-store" and "recreation" stocks.

35. 1946 saw a large decline in certain stocks compared with the averages. Switching will be the outstanding market feature during 1947. Especially watch for bargains in airline stocks.

36. The stock market will continue to witness creeping general inflation and no evidence yet exists as to whether the "communist break" in 1946 was the beginning of a real bear market or only a reaction of a bull market.

BONDS

37. Although bank loaning rates should continue a slowly upward tendency, interest rates in general will remain low through 1947. The money supply is now 25% above normal and Government financing demands continued low rates.

38. Anticipating an expected reduction in Federal taxes, 1947 should see a further falling off in the prices of most municipal and other tax-exempt bonds.

39. Some high-grade corporation bonds may hold steady, but sooner or later will decline considerably. The Federal Government's 2 1/2's, which once sold above 106, will sell down to par or new 2 1/2's will be offered at par. Investors will give more attention to diversification and staggered maturities during 1947.

40. More public utilities will be taken over by Federal and other "Authorities" during 1947. Wise investors will consider this possibility when selecting public utility securities.

REAL ESTATE

41. Suburban real estate will continue in greater demand with still higher prices during 1947.

42. City real estate may hold its own due to less available space caused by pulling down structures to save taxes and provide parking spaces. — also to disinclination to build due to the present high inflationary building costs. The fear of bombing — in case of a re-opening of World War II — may also be a factor.

43. Small subsistence farms will

continue to increase in price; but large commercial farms may sell for less in 1947 than in 1946.

44. Building will show a considerable increase. Contracts will be up with advancing prices. The present scarcity of lumber, cement, bricks and labor should begin to ease up in 1947.

45. Office and residential rents during 1947 may be expected to increase.

46. 1947 will see the beginning of the real building boom which should have started in 1946.

POLITICS AND POSTWAR PEACE

47. President Truman now has lost control of Congress and both parties will be playing politics in anticipation of 1948.

48. Our foreign headaches will become worse and more frequent during 1947. What we are going through to re-organize Germany will be repeated in other countries.

49. The Latin-American honeymoon has passed its peak. The attitude of Argentina will extend to other countries. Our South American troubles will continue to increase during 1947.

50. 1947 should see more religious interest, including more church-going, than did 1946. People gradually are realizing that without a Spiritual Awakening no peace or other plans will be much good. Nations cannot be depended upon to cooperate and stick to their agreements unless they recognize God as their real Ruler and Guide. Hence, what good are agreements with Russia?

Miss Montgomery Married In Ohio

STRUTHERS, OHIO — Warren Harvey Stiles and Miss Ruby Montgomery were united in marriage Saturday, Dec. 28, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Manuel McClure of Struthers, Ohio. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Worley Montgomery of Ranger. The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. McKinley Stiles of Letitia and the nephew of the McClures.

Rev. Adam Bausman, pastor of the First Baptist church of Struthers, O., performed the ceremony. The living room was decorated with a Christmas tree. The bride wore a tailored blue suit with white accessories and a corsage of yellow roses. The only attendants were the McClure family.

The groom served in the armed forces four years, two and a half of which were spent in the South Pacific. Since his return he has been with the Youngstown Sheet and Tube Co. The couple will reside with his aunt for the present.

HOME FOR HOLIDAYS

William Teas of the Baylor School for Boys at Chattanooga spent the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Teas at Andrews.

SALLY'S SALLIES



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