

**OUTPUT RISES FIRST TIME SINCE OCT., 1948; PURCHASING POWER REPORTED DOWN BY ONE PER CENT**

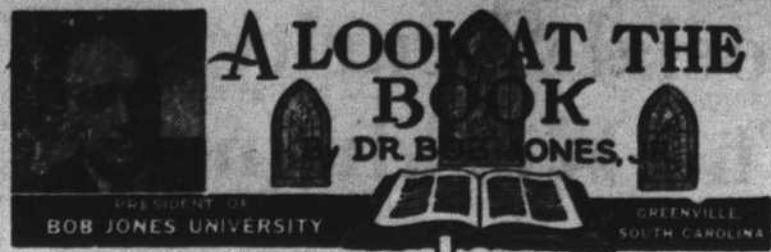
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 1948.

Expenditures for plant and equipment by nonagricultural business showed no gain in the second quarter of the year over the first. This was the first time since the end of World War II in which there was no increase, and the outlook for the year's third quarter was for actually lower expenditures.

The second quarter of the year, in compensation of employees.

produced a rise in both fixed and working capital, according to the council, with total proceeds from new corporate issues more than doubled.

The national income, according to the council's revised estimates, dropped by \$12,100,000,000 or 5 per cent, from its peak at the end of 1948 during the first half of 1949. About half the drop was reflected in corporate profits, including inventory valuation adjustment and one-fourth



There is one sin greatly condemned in the Bible, which you almost never hear preached against. It is the sin of flattery, and how largely it is practiced these days. Some flatter with no malicious intent. They desire popularity and want people to like them, so they cultivate the habit of saying that which will please the hearer without regard to its truth. Or, they have read some popular book on psychology, which tells them that the way to make friends is to flatter, and they put into practice this advice with never a thought that they are being dishonest.

Others flatter for more malicious reasons. Politicians have discovered that the surest way to cause an opponent to make a fool of himself is to flatter him into doing something which is an uninflated state of mind he would have better judgement than to attempt. Others indulge in flattery to get something from the object of their flattery. They are like the fox in the fable who flattered the crow on his beautiful voice. When the crow, full of vanity, opened his beak to sing, he dropped the piece of cheese he was holding, and the fox gobbled it up.

Some people flatter for sheer cowardice. They lack the courage to speak the truth. They will say what another expects of them rather than what they know to be so. There are preachers who are guilty here. Instead of preaching against the sins of unregenerate human hearts, they flatter their hearers with smooth sounding messages on the greatness of the human race. Sinners lost and undone feel no conviction as they sit under their ministry, but go out full of a self-satisfaction to continue in their sin. They are trapped and pinioned in a net of smooth words, when if they had been told the truth about themselves and their own sinful condition and pointed to the Lord Jesus, they should have found in truth and in Him who is the Truth, freedom from the chains of sin. Truly, "a man that flattereth his neighbor spreadeth a net for his feet" (Proverbs 29:5). There is no flattery of the Adamic nature and of sinners in God's Word. Unregenerate men hate and despise the Word of God because it tells them the truth about themselves. Men prefer flattery, but it is only in the truth that freedom is found.

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