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## HIGH LIGHTS OF MESSAGE

### President Appears Before Congress in Person Monday

Following are some of the high lights of President Roosevelt's message delivered to the congress Monday, and broadcast to almost the entire world:

I am thankful that I can tell you that our nation is at peace. It has been kept at peace despite provocations which in other days, because of their seriousness, could well have engendered war.

The people of the United States and the government of the United States have shown capacity for restraint and a civilized approach to the purposes of peace, while at the same time we maintain the integrity inherent in the sovereignty of 130,000,000 people, lest we weaken or destroy our influence for peace and jeopardize the sovereignty itself.

Resolute in our determination to respect the rights of others, and to command respect for the rights of ourselves, we must keep ourselves adequately strong in self-defense.

Our people believe that over the years democracies of the world will survive, and democracy will be restored or established in those nations which today know it not. In that faith lies the future peace of mankind.

Events of recent months are new proof that we cannot conduct a national government after the practice of 1787, or 1837 or 1887, for the obvious reason that human needs and human desires are infinitely greater, infinitely more difficult to meet than in any previous period in the life of our republic. Hereto it has been an acknowledged duty of government to meet these desires and needs: nothing has occurred of late to absolve the congress, the courts or the president from that task. It faces us—as squarely, as insistently, as in March, 1933.

Our national life rests on two nearly equal producing forces, agriculture and industry, each employing one-third of our citizens. The other third transports and distributes the products of the first two, or performs special services for the whole.

There are those well-meaning theorists who harp on the inherent right of every free born American to do with his land what he wants—to cultivate it well, or badly. The day has gone by when it could be claimed that government has no interest in such ill-considered practices and no right through representative methods to stop them. The other group of enemies is perhaps less well-meaning. It includes those who for partisan purposes oppose each and every practical effort to help the situation, and also those who make money from undue fluctuations in crop prices. The farmers of this nation know that a balanced output can be put into effect without excessive cost and with the cooperation of the great majority of them.

We have raised the nation's income from thirty-eight billion dollars

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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 12c  
Chickens, light weight, lb. . . . 9c  
New corn (shelled) . . . . . 65c  
Wheat . . . . . 90c

Quoted by Nantahala Creamery  
Butterfat, lb. . . . . 30c

### Mrs. Womack Dies At Home In East Franklin Saturday

Mrs. Samuel W. Womack, 73, died at her home in East Franklin Saturday morning, January 1, at 3:30 o'clock. Mrs. Womack had been an invalid for several years, but death was caused from pneumonia which developed Wednesday.

Mrs. Womack, before marriage, was Miss Clara Levada Smiley, a daughter of the late Rev. John Madison Smiley, a pioneer Baptist minister of Swain county. She was a member of the Franklin Baptist church.

She is survived by her husband, one daughter, Mrs. Wade Elliott, of Asheville; four sons, Roy, Otto, and Dewey Womack, of Franklin, and Lyman Womack, of Andrews; several grandchildren and a number of great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at the home Saturday afternoon at 3 o'clock. The Rev. J. A. Flanagan, pastor of the Franklin Presbyterian church, was in charge of the final rites.

### GEORGE C. RABY DIES THURSDAY

#### Well Known Citizen Of West's Mill Passes Suddenly

George C. Raby, 61, died at his home at West's Mill Thursday morning at 2 o'clock. Death was caused from high blood pressure.

Funeral services will be held at the Cowee Baptist church Friday morning at 11 o'clock. The Rev. R. F. Mayberry, pastor, will be in charge of the services. Interment will be in the church cemetery.

Although Mr. Raby had been in ill health for several years, his death was very sudden and unexpected. Upon his return from Franklin Wednesday, he was stricken about 6 o'clock.

He was a farmer of the Cowee community and was a member of the Cowee Baptist church. He was the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Mark Raby, of that section.

He is survived by his widow, the former Miss Effie Shepherd; one sister, Mrs. Jud Potts, of Franklin, and two brothers, Tom Raby, of West's Mill, and Albert Raby, of Spruce Pine.

### Square Dances Friday And Saturday Nights

Square dances will be held Friday and Saturday nights, January 7 and 8, at the high school gymnasium for the benefit of the school lunch room.

These will end the series of dances which have been held for that purpose and which have been sponsored by the P.-T. A.

### Baptist Church Completion Sunday

On the second Sunday in December, 1937, the Baptist church of Franklin observed "Loyalty Day." The purpose of "Loyalty Day" was to give the membership of the church the privilege of making their pledges for Kingdom work through the church without being solicited. The response was excellent.

We believe this voluntary method is the better way of securing subscriptions for church work for "God loveth a cheerful giver." We believe you, too, had rather go to the church and make your pledge, than to be solicited.

The second Sunday, (next Sunday) in January, 1938, is completion Sunday. We urge you to attend the morning service next Sunday prepared to make your pledge.

W. B. UNDERWOOD,  
Minister.

### COUNTY AGENT'S YEARLY REPORT

#### Record Of Activities Of S. W. Mendenhall And S. D. Alexander

Following is a summary of the activities and accomplishments of S. W. Mendenhall, county agent, and S. D. Alexander, assistant county agent, of Macon county, during 1937:

The two agents worked a total of 604.5 days. During this time 159 meetings were held with a total attendance of 3,444 farmers and farm women. Six thousand twenty-two office calls were received, 90 circular letters and 1,159 individual letters were mailed, 28 news stories were published and 3,481 bulletins were distributed. Seventy-seven record books were completed and 107 new record books started. Eleven hundred seventy-nine farm visits were made and 19,201 miles were traveled.

Two hundred fifteen tons of lime, 96,200 pounds of triple-superphosphate, 5,000 baby chicks, 20,000 pounds of lespedeza, and various other seed was ordered through the county agent's office at a total saving of approximately \$3,000. Three thousand seven hundred eighty-two dozen eggs were sold through the county agent's office for a total sum of \$1,021.54. One hundred farmers borrowed \$3,580 and approximately \$3,000 has been repaid.

#### Good Headway in Livestock

Farmers of the county have made unusually good headway in livestock improvement. Two 4-H Club dairy shows, one in Franklin and one in Asheville were held. A total of \$84 was won, also a pure bred Guernsey heifer calf was won by Bobby McClure. Ten pure bred Guernsey bulls and two heifers were purchased by farmers of the county. Six beef calves were fed and shown at the Asheville fat cattle show. All calves made money and Furman Waldroop's and Myra Slagle's calves won cash prizes in the show. Nine pure bred beef bulls and nine cows were purchased by the farmers of the county.

Three rams and six ewes were purchased by farmers of the county. The county purchased a jack to which approximately 65 mares were bred. Poultry has shown an increase. Records were kept on four flocks and all showed a profit above feed cost of \$1.44 to \$3 per bird. One farmer showed a profit of \$150.11 on one hundred hens above all expenses which included the building of a brooder house and laying house, the purchase of his baby chicks and all feed. Five new poultry houses were built and four houses remodeled for housing poultry. Three swine feeding demonstrations were conducted. Self feeders were used and the hogs were kept in the open lot. A good profit was shown in all cases which proved the advantages of the self-feeder and also that it is best to keep hogs in a good size clean lot rather than in a floored pen.

Farmers participating in the agricultural conservation program received approximately \$12,500. These farmers increased their legume crops for soil improvement in 1937 over 1936 approximately 3,000 acres.

It is recommended that the farmers of Macon county should continue in the improvement of poultry and livestock and that the acres in depleting crops should be decreased but the yields per acre should be increased by means of legume crops in the rotation.

### P.-T. A. Meeting Monday, January 10

The Franklin P.-T. A. will meet next Monday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock at the high school building. This will be an important meeting and all members are urged to be present.

## Babson Predicts Strong Business Uptrend In 1938

Noted Financial Authority Expects Big Gain Over Current Levels—Says Congress Will Give Business Needed Relief—European Situation Dangerous But War Not Expected This Year.

By Roger W. Babson

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BABSON PARK, MASS., Dec. 31, 1937.—We are not entering a major depression; 1938 will see a resumption of the upward trend which began in 1933. The first quarter may be poor—much worse than the early months of 1937; but later in the year I look for a substantial revival. Do not confuse this current sharp recession with a major depression! Payrolls, prices, stocks, real estate, and jobs should be on their way to new highs by the end of 1938.



Roger W. Babson

This December presents a tremendous contrast with a year ago. Then, the old year was riding into history books on a great wave of optimism and hope. "Good times" lay over the horizon of 1937. The dark days of 1929-1935 were drowned out in a hurricane of wage boosts, dividend extras, and gigantic Christmas trade. My forecast at that time was: "1937 will be the first year of real prosperity since 1929. . . . The entire year's gain should average seven to eight per cent above 1936."

#### 1937 Year of Prosperity

Prosperity did come. Business did average 7 per cent above 1936. This past August the Babsonchart stood at 8 per cent above normal, higher than it had been for seven years. But after Labor Day the squall, which had been brewing all year, suddenly struck. High taxes, political muddling, labor agitation, and thin stock markets created a tornado of distrust and fear. The result has been one of the sharpest business declines on record. The Babsonchart is now 19 per cent below normal.

The current gloom will continue to hurt business during the early months of 1938. But while activity will average at least 15 per cent below the first quarter of 1937, it should not fall much below current levels. During this discouraging period the base for a resumption of the upward trend will be laid. The Spring rally in 1938 will be much stronger than seasonal.

## DEATH CLAIMS MRS. C. STEPPE

### Well Known Woman Dies At Home At Aquone December 29

Funeral services for Mrs. Craig Steppe, 38, were held at the Aquone Baptist church Thursday afternoon, December 30 at 2 o'clock. The Rev. Welton West, a Baptist minister of Andrews, had charge of the final rites.

Mrs. Steppe, who had been a semi-invalid for the past five years, died at her home at Aquone Wednesday night, December 29, at 8:30. Death was caused from pneumonia.

Mrs. Steppe was prior to her marriage, Miss Bertha Bryson, daughter of T. C. Bryson, Sr., of West's Mill, and the late Mrs. Eva Israel Bryson, who had a large connection of relatives in Asheville. She was a member of the Aquone Baptist church.

Mrs. Steppe is survived by her husband and one daughter, Ruth, and three sons, Locke, John and Joe, of Aquone; her father, T. C. Bryson, of West's Mill; four sisters, Mrs. Andrew Edwards, of Ellijay, Ga.; Mrs. Ernest Pressley, of Canton; Mrs. Charles Scruggs, of Waynesville, and Miss Edna Bryson, of West's Mill; five brothers, Frank Bryson, of Sedro Woolley, Wash.; Lyle Bryson, of Darrington, Wash.; Jesse Bryson, of Three Forks, Mont.; Carl Bryson, and T. C. Bryson, Jr., of West's Mill.

### Panay Bombing To Be Shown At Macon Theatre

The Macon Theatre announces that as a special added attraction next Wednesday, January 12, the Universal exclusive feature picture showing the bombing of the gunboat Panay.

This added feature will make a double bill for next Wednesday and Manager West states that the one-cent admission, or two for one price plus one cent, will be impossible on that day, and the regular admission of 10 and 25 cents will be charged.

#### Good 1938 Trend

By next Fourth of July, business should have recovered from a third to a half of its late 1937 loss. The revival will pick up momentum during the second half. How far it will go, it is, of course, impossible to say now. Nevertheless, as a long shot, it would not surprise me if the 1937 peaks were equalled before next Christmas!

Because of the poor first quarter of the new year, the average of general business for 1938, however, will be slightly under—roughly 10 per cent below—the average for 1937. The important point next year is the trend. A poor start (but not much lower than current levels), an improving second quarter, and then a sharp upward surge during the final four or five months is my idea of the 1938 business pattern.

#### Business Needs "Relief"

In making these estimates I am counting on cooperation from Washington. A year ago my optimism for 1937 was tempered by the labor issue. I said: "If this issue (labor) is not handled properly, business could receive a very rude setback." Now I am tempering my 1938 optimism by saying that Congress must cooperate with business or this present slump could continue for some time.

Many of our current troubles come from fear and distrust. They are largely psychological. Congress today must treat business as a doctor should treat a neurotic patient. Scolding, harsh diets, enemas, and the like are "out." A few sugar-coated pills in the garb of kind words and a complete rest from new laws is the prescription which Congress must write for business.

#### Congress Will Help

I am quite confident, too, that Doctor Congress will help his patient. No one is quite so shrewd an appraiser of public sentiment as the average Congressman.

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