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Wabson Sees More Goods 1947, Prices High, Costs Of Living Go Up

Income
Expected to Hold
Farmers Advised
Diversify

BUSINESS AND FINANCIAL
LOOK FOR 1947

Roger W. Wabson

The great event of 1947 will be the coming of a movement of the big coastal cities to the small interior cities. The steps are taken for the movement.

General Business

For 1947 the U. S. Bureau of Economic Analysis has estimated that the total production of goods and services will be 10 percent higher than in 1946.

The conversion of industry to peacetime has been completed through the great government orders have not yet been issued, leaving much more to be done in 1947.

Statistics quoted both at the values and their volume increase during 1947. The material piles and manufacturing will be in greater volume than in 1947.

Commodity Prices

Prices of raw materials and commodities continue into 1947, but they rapidly are eliminated. Government regulations will gradually be relaxed.

The retail prices of most commodities will be higher than in 1947. The prices of some commodities will decline.

The unit sales of some commodities will begin to decline during 1947, but the food and variety chains will continue to expand.

The great question mark of 1947 is how labor is to be better paid and less unemployed.

The farm outlook

With a weather upset, the production of corn and wheat and other products will be lower than ever before in 1947. Although some prices are off, the total farm income in 1947 should hold up fairly well.

But farmers should diversify their crops. There should be an increase in the production of fruits, fish and poultry products and a decline in the production of cotton and wool.

The Federal debt will be reduced during 1947 and the budget may be balanced in 1948.

The cost of living will continue to increase in 1947 due largely to the increase in their wages.

Many wage-workers are leaving jobs for returns to satisfactory wages. The political task of 1947 will be to get wages desired.

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Another Report
The Mountaineer by the Weather Bureau:
Dec. 30—Partly cloudy colder today and tonight with light snow flurries to lowest temperatures to -15 degrees.

Dec. 31—Clear to part and continued cold with temperatures remaining below 0. Colder Tuesday.

Waynesville temperatures recorded by the staff of the Post Office:
Max. Min. Rainfall
57 18
53 36
51 24
56 19
59 25
59 44 .22
64 53 .50

Post Office And Banks Will Close Wednesday

Several Stores
Also to Close
On New Year's Day
For Inventories

Although most all employees will be busy during the day, several business places will be closed to the public in observance of New Year's Day.

The Post Office announces that its windows will be closed and there will be no delivery of mail on Wednesday. However mail will go out of town on the regular schedule and be placed in boxes as usual.

The First National and First State Bank will be closed all day, as will the local U. S. Employment Service office. Although most of the stores in Waynesville and Hazelwood will remain open until noon, some will be closed all day for year-end inventory taking.

All offices in the Haywood County Court House will be open all day, as will the Waynesville Town Hall.

Osborne Farm Cow Makes Enviably Record

A two and one-half year old registered Guernsey cow, Hilarity of Garden Creek, owned by Florence Osborne, Canton, has completed an outstanding Advanced Register record of 11,152.9 pounds of milk and 632.3 pounds of butterfat.

Hilarity is a daughter of the outstanding Guernsey sire, Majesty of Garden Creek, that has thirteen daughters in the Performance Register of the American Guernsey Cattle Club.

This record was supervised by the North Carolina State College and reported to the American Guernsey Cattle Club of Peterborough, N. H., for approval and publication.

Wilson Faces Reckless Driving Charge From Allens Creek Wreck

At a preliminary hearing Monday morning before Magistrate W. C. Medford, Bonner Wilson, driver of a car which collided with another vehicle Saturday morning on the Allen's Creek road, was bound over to Superior Court on the charge of reckless driving and was released upon making arrangements for \$500 bond.

Evidence at the hearing showed that Wilson, driving a '34 Plymouth, was following a Twin-City bus towards Waynesville. He began passing the bus, and its driver, Dover L. Southard, saw another car approaching, so pulled off the road and stopped to give Wilson a chance to miss the oncoming car. However the two vehicles collided, with property damage to both autos but no one injured.

Ned Williams, driver of the other car, a '41 Plymouth, was found to have no drivers license by the investigating patrolman, O. R. Roberts. He was fined \$10 and costs on this charge by the magistrate.

David Cook Arrested
On Charge Of Assault

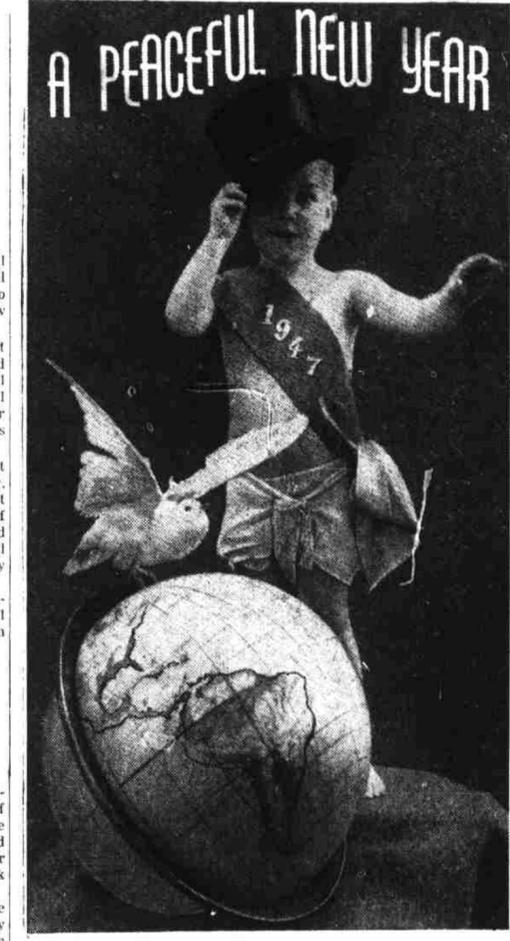
David Cook of the Hemphill section, one of three men wanted by the sheriff on an assault with a deadly weapon charge, was arrested here last Tuesday. At a preliminary hearing Saturday, bond for his appearance in Superior Court was placed at \$400, which to date has not been posted.

He, Hayes Moody, and Ted Cook were wanted by authorities for assault on Bill Howell, Waynesville, at a store in the Hemphill section on September 20. The other two men have not been located since that time.

LIQUOR TRUCK IS SOLD
C. V. Sorrells of Canton paid \$950 for the large 1942 Chevrolet truck confiscated by the county several weeks back for hauling liquor, when it was sold Saturday in front of the court house at a public auction.

TOWN POLICE ARREST 12
Twelve persons were arrested on the charge of public drunkenness since Dec. 23 by local police. One man was given a 64-day road sentence, two were to be tried Monday afternoon, and the remainder were released on paying court costs.

A New Day Is Dawning



The dove of Peace sits, symbolically, over the world as the birth of 1947 prepares to take place. The New Year is one filled with opportunity, as a few times in the past, when we as individuals can reaffirm faith in ageless ideals and make the days of 1947 fruitful to ourselves and our posterity.

Nominations Are Made For C. Of C. Directors

Nine New Directors
Will Be Selected
For Installation
January 28th

Ballots containing names of nominees for the Chamber of Commerce board of directors are being prepared and will be mailed from the office this week to all paid members of the organization.

Nine new directors are to be voted on, with six directors to be carried over from the present board. It is planned to distribute ballots to all eligible voters by January 6. Votes will be returned to the C. of C. office on or before Jan. 18, counted by a special committee, and the new board will take office on Jan. 28.

L. E. Sims, president during 1946, will automatically become a member of the board and represent auto sales. Other directors to be carried over include Charles E. Ray, merchants and highway; C. J. Reece, merchants; David Underwood, industry; Paul Hyatt, hotels; and William Medford, business and professional.

Two representatives from agriculture are to be selected from Richard Barber, George A. Brown, Continued on Page Five

Sheriff's Dept.
Busy Before—Not
During Christmas

"It was the quietest Christmas we have had in this community for years. You know how it is—just about like the weather. Sometimes we have a cold snowy Christmas and then again the sun shines, and sometimes we bring them into the jail on Christmas Eve and Christmas day in numbers," said Sheriff Robert V. Welch, when asked about the business of his department over Christmas.

"We only had three drunks brought in during the entire two day Christmas period," he added.

When asked if the activity of his department during the two weeks prior to Christmas when they brought in a record number of stills and destroyed several hundred gallons of corn mash "ready to run for Christmas" had anything to do with the situation he smiled and said "It could be."

Mountaineer Reviews '46, Looks
Into '47 With New Year's Issue

This issue of The Mountaineer is featuring many special reviews of news events of 1946, as well as forecasts for business in 1947.

These features include a local review of Haywood news, special pictures and features by Associated Press. A summary of athletics during the past year is featured on the sports page.

Of special interest should be the full page of news on page one of the second section. A forecast of events to come in 1947 will be found on page four of the second section, and on page six there is a feature of the unusual news happenings of 1946. On pages six and seven of the second section are outstanding newscaptions of the year, and a review of events in Haywood will be found on page eight of the second section.

Smith Is Named On Amnesty Board

Former President Of
American Bar and
Husband of Local
Woman Named to Post

Willis Smith, of Raleigh, former president of the American Bar Association has recently been named on the amnesty board, of which Supreme Court Justice Owen J. Roberts, has been named by President Truman to head the board.

The duties of the board will include a review of some 11,000 persons convicted of World War II draft violations and those who have been recommended for pardons who have been judged to be "deserving of executive clemency."

The cases involve about 800 conscientious objectors who were jailed for their refusal to bear arms, and more than 10,000 draft dodgers, delinquents, and persons who helped others evade the draft. Only 1,300 remain in jail, including 25 conscientious objectors.

Chairman Roberts has named in addition to Mr. Smith, who as head of the American Bar Association spent some time in Europe attending the trials of the German war criminals, James F. O'Neil, chief of police for Manchester, N. H., and former vice chairman of the American Legion's Americanization committee.

White House Press Secretary Charles G. Ross said there is no thought of extending executive clemency to everyone. He said, will tackle the problem case by case and will recommend (1) whether clemency should be given and (2) in what form.

He said the board would deal "almost entirely" with matters other than the relief of persons still imprisoned, and a major problem to be decided is whether to clear the way for restoration of civil rights for those who were convicted.

Mr. Truman, referring to the plight of conscientious objectors whose supporters have picketed the White House in recent months, said that "freedom of conscience is basic to our American tradition of freedom of liberty."

But he pointed out in a special statement that about 25,000 objectors were inducted in to the armed forces and served as non-combatants. Some were decorated for heroism and one was awarded the Medal of Honor, the nation's highest decoration.

"In addition," he said, "about 12,000 men served through the war in civilian public service camps, where they performed tasks in connection with the preservation of our natural resources."

Mr. Smith is the husband of the former Miss Dolly Lee, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Lee of Waynesville, and sister of Mrs. James A. Gwyn, Tom Lee, Jr., and R. L. Lee of Waynesville.

Brothers Spend First
Christmas in Seven
Years At Home Together

Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Coin have with them for the first Christmas in seven years their two sons, Chief Electrician's Mate R. L. Coin, Jr., U. S. Navy, and Orren Coin, BM, third class, also U. S. Navy.

R. L. Coin, Jr., volunteered in the navy seven years ago and has served in various waters and attended numerous schools during the years he has been in the service. He is currently attending the Gyro School in Brooklyn, N. Y.

At the time he entered the service he had just graduated from the Waynesville Township high school. Orren Coin has been in the navy for the past four years, and is at present stationed at San Juan.

Varied Gains Reported
In Haywood Agriculture

A steady trend of improvement in farm homes, row and feed crops, pasture developments, livestock growing, and other phases of agriculture in Haywood county during 1946 was described in the county agent's annual Narrative Report, written at the end of each year.

Some of the important steps made in farm progress during 1946 are condensed from the report as follows:

Corn—Two demonstrations were carried out to improve the yield by planting hybrid corn seed. Glenn A. Boyd of Jonathan Creek planted five acres in type T-2, on a field

which had grown a winter clover crop and had been treated with 400 pounds of commercial fertilizer. He grew an estimated 125 bushels of corn per acre—an increase of 40 per cent over his old variety.

The other hybrid seed, U. S. 282, was planted by Jack Felmet on a Ratcliff Cove farm that used to grow 60 bushels of corn per acre. The new variety produced 95 bushels, which indicates that the T-2 hybrid is best adapted to Haywood county, although either of the two kinds produced more than regular seed. An increased use of

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Garland S. Ferguson Reappointed Chairman Of FTC Fifth Time

Waynesville Native
Returns As Head
Of Federal Agency
January 1st

When Garland S. Ferguson becomes chairman of the Federal Trade Commission next Wednesday, January 1, succeeding Commissioner William A. Ayres, it will mark the fifth time he has assumed that post under the agency's policy of rotating the chairmanship each calendar year. He is the only member of the Commission since its creation who has been Chairman five times.

The chairmanship was previously held by Commissioner Ferguson in 1930, 1934, 1938 and 1943.

Commissioner Ferguson has had a longer tenure on the Commission than any other member since its creation in 1915. Now in his nineteenth year as a member of the Commission, the North Carolina Democrat was first appointed by President Coolidge in 1927 and was twice reappointed by President Roosevelt, each term being for seven years.

The new chairman was born in Waynesville, a son of the late Garland S. Ferguson Sr., former judge of the Superior Court of North Carolina. He attended the United States Naval Academy and the University of North Carolina, graduating in law from the University in 1900 and receiving an honorary LL.D. from that institution in 1939.

After his graduation in law from the University, Mr. Ferguson engaged in the practice of law first in Waynesville, and later in Greensboro, where he served as counsel for the United States Army and the Western Electric Co. of North Carolina.

While in Waynesville, Mr. Ferguson was associated with his father, the late Garland S. Ferguson and his brother the late James W. Ferguson, in the practice of law here.

From 1918 to 1921 he was assistant general counsel for the Newport News Shipbuilding Company, with offices in Washington. Returning to Greensboro in 1921 he practiced law there until appointed to the Commission in 1927 to succeed former United States Senator John F. Nugent.

Commissioner Ferguson was a member of the National Emergency Council in 1934 and of the Temporary National Economic Committee, 1938-41, serving as a sub-committee chairman in 1939.

Greensboro is the Commissioner's legal residence. He and Mrs. Ferguson, the former Margaret Merrimon of Greensboro, have their Washington home at the Wyoming Apartments.

Mr. Ferguson has often visited relatives here, including his brother-in-law Prof. E. J. Robeson and others since he and his family have resided in Washington.

Lions Dime Board
Takes In \$1,376
For Yule Program

The Lions Club received a total of \$1,376 on its annual Christmas Cheer "dime board" drive, reports Joe Davis, president of the club.

Bills for the amount spent by the organization in clothing school children and in distributing food to needy families have not yet been totaled. It is believed that the amount spent will be a little in excess of what was taken in.

Last year the dime board took in around \$900. Mr. Davis states that the Lions deeply appreciate the contributions made by the public and their general cooperation in spreading cheer to Waynesville and nearby families.

Highway
Record For 1946
In Haywood

(To Date)
Killed -- 15
Injured 165

(This Information Compiled From Records of State Highway Patrol)

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