

Boy Still in Critical Condition Following Accident

Economist Sees Less Business

By Roger W. Babson

1. Business will start the year 1953 in high gear. The pace will slacken, however, as the year unfolds, with total business volume for 1953 smaller than for 1952. The powerful supports of the Great Boom—construction and automobiles—will lose strength as the year advances.

2. Barring World War III, 1953 will find business operating under less government control than any year since outbreak of the Korean War. But don't expect removal of price controls to help profit margins.

3. Salient economic feature is the fact that our productive capacity has now been expanded to the point where, barring World War III, output can take care of both arms and civilian needs.

4. The handwriting is on the wall against inefficient operators. Their days are numbered. The successful businessman next year will be the one who can control his costs and stay out from in his market.

5. I strongly urge my business friends to get out and sell, and sell hard next year; but hire the best cost accountants you can for the back office. "Order takers" will find fewer jobs as 1953 moves along.

6. My forecasts for 1953 are made on the assumption that World War III will not strike during the year. However, I want to make it clear that "all bets are off" the day Stalin dies or retires.

7. The H-bomb gives us another lease on time. Our first lease, from Hiroshima in 1945 to the Russian A-bomb explosion in 1949, was frit-

tered away in idle bickering. This time we will have another "breather." It may be our last chance.

8. 1953 will be most important in the struggle for World Peace. We will need more than an H-bomb to win the peace. We shall need a great rise of spiritual strength, which is not now evident.

9. The long business boom following World War II was beginning to run out of steam when the Korean War gave it a new lease on life. However, the stimulus of defense spending is already fading. Barring further international troubles, defense activity in 1953 will be a floor under, and not a new stimulus to, business activity.

10. Capital expansion will move into a readjustment phase sometime in 1953. This has been an outstanding economic force behind our long period of good times. Nevertheless, I do not now anticipate any sharp break in business. If a slide starts it should be gradual, not steep.

11. Big credit expansion has been a powerful "shot in the arm" for business during the past two years. I predict that in 1953 loan repayments will become more important than new credit advances. This could handicap overall business unless advertising expenditures are increased.

12. Under an Eisenhower administration I do not look for expansion of our money supplies as a result of increased deficit financing. Thus, another stimulating force will be absent next year despite the better confidence following the Eisenhower landslide.

13. Although General Eisenhower ran far ahead of his ticket, there has been a considerable gain in the conservative complexion of Congress. The margin in favor of conservatism is not measured by the slight excess of Republicans over Democrats. It results from the fact that several Democrats can be counted in the conservative column. The emphasis will be on purifying bureaus and commissions.

14. All government departments will be at the service of the Republicans after January 20. Never before in the history of the United States has a conservative government had such a powerful bureaucracy at its finger tips. In 1953 we shall see the use of these bureaus to aid rather than handicap business.

15. Unemployment will be no problem for the workers of the nation during the early months of 1953. The demand for and the supply of labor promise to hold in good balance. Later, however, unemployment will increase, reaching its highest point toward the end of the year.

16. While employment runs high during the first part of the year, strikes will continue to plague management. Unions, however, will be cautious so that they will not bring down on their heads the legislative wrath of a conservative Congress.

17. During the early months of 1953 amendments to the Taft-Hartley act will be moderate. Great labor turmoil would surely result in severe restrictions on labor being read into the act. All in all, I forecast a decline in strike totals for 1953.

18. Looking to the year 1953, I am urging my friends and their children to work more faithfully at their jobs. They should not be fooled by present high demand for labor. Early 1953 should be used to "dig in" and work harder. Drifters will be the first to be let go.

19. Barring World War III and severe droughts, the supply of most raw materials, farm products, and manufactured goods promises to be adequate during 1953. Even the so-called invisible inventories in the hands of consumers are high as a result of heavy buying since the outbreak of the Korean War. I anticipate few shortages next year.

20. Do not forget that there is always a big IF in the supply situation with regard to farm products. Severe drought could cause havoc. One is already long overdue. Scan closely weather reports from the nation's "bread basket."

21. The demand for goods will be stronger in the first half of the year than it will be during the last half. Disposable income will hold close to current-high levels during the first half of 1953.

22. Total pay rolls will hold well, with prospects favoring a slight drop during the late months of 1953.

23. Farm gross income will strengthen along seasonal lines during the first four or five months of 1953. If we then avoid drought, I look for a lower farm income during the second half of the year.

24. The trend of wholesale commodity prices will remain in a basic long-term downswing. Look for temporary price recoveries in many groups during the early part of 1953, but do not let them fool you.

25. Unless more international troubles or drought strike hard, living costs should average some lower in 1953 than in 1952. Here again, the tapering-off will occur late, not early in the year.

26. Over-all trade in 1953 will be close to 1952 levels as far as physical volume is concerned, with a moderate decline in dollar totals. The most attractive merchandising investments should be: (1) Super-market groceries; (2) Variety chains; (3) Mail order stores; and (4) Department stores, excepting a few in the largest and most congested cities.

27. Demand for capital goods will hold strong during most of 1953. A definite slowing, however, will take place at some time. 1953 sales of consumer durables should about equal 1952's total sales, which were restricted by the steel strike.

28. Movement of soft goods during 1953 should be about the same as during 1952. Some freshening of demand in the early months may be offset later by a renewed lull.

29. Barring World War III, rent controls will be a thing of the past in most areas by the end of 1953.

30. Home building will be less in 1953. Prices may weaken during the latter part of the year. Building costs should edge lower. Only small new houses will be in demand.

31. In my opinion, the cost of mortgage money will tend somewhat higher during 1953.

32. Construction of municipal and public works should rise moderately in 1953 as compared with 1952. This may be stepped up sharply late in the year if business falters. There may be a surplus of tax-free bonds.

33. A moderate slide-off in the sale of commercial farm properties can be expected. No bad break, however, seems likely in 1953. Fear of World War III, moreover, should help farm prices.

34. Population trend is away from the big cities. Fear of possible bombing and automobile overcrowding will continue as a drag on city realty values. Continued migration from the urban centers will help suburban properties.

35. For those who plan buying new homes in 1953, I strongly urge the purchase of acreage in suitable areas. Surely, the H-bomb experiments should quicken the trend toward subsistence farms.

36. As public housing programs are far behind schedule, the new Congress will not promote such in 1953 unless the need for pump-priming becomes much greater.

37. Tax relief will come mostly from expiration of present laws rather than from a new enlightened tax program. Barring further international problems, the present corporate excess-profits tax will be permitted to expire at the end of June, 1953.

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Highway Deaths To Reach 1,100

Highway fatalities in North Carolina for 1952 are expected to reach 1,100 before the year ends at midnight tomorrow.

That seemed to be the prospect yesterday as the motor vehicles department chalked up 18 deaths to Christmas holiday travel.

Through 10 a.m. yesterday, vehicle accidents had taken a toll of 1,082 lives. The wrecks of yesterday, today and tomorrow — plus delayed death reports — probably will push the 1952 figure past the 1,100 mark.

Already the toll has run past 1951, when 1,071 persons lost their lives on the state's roads and freeways. Already it stands second to 1941, the most disastrous year in North Carolina since the automobile made its debut. No less than 1,286 persons were killed in the state in 1941.

Last year at this time, the death toll stood at 1,037, or 25 less than now. By Dec. 31 it had climbed to 1,071.

The figures, to be sure, seemed grim. But the picture grows brighter when it is considered that more automobiles did more traveling in North Carolina this year than ever before. Motor vehicles department officials say that some 1,300,000 vehicles will be registered by Dec. 31. On the same day last year the registration figure stood at 1,247,824.

The department was pleased, relatively speaking, with the four-day holiday toll of 18. Last year the comparable figure was 24. Unusually bad weekends have seen the death toll move past 20.

The 1,286 traffic deaths of 1941 are the highest in the state's history. In 1942 toll was 838. In 1943, the figure was 684. In 1944, with travel restrictions tougher than ever, it had dropped to 656. In 1945, it had climbed to 732.

The postwar years have seen the death curve drop, then climb steadily. Here is the year-by-year picture: 1946, 1,028; 1947, 836; 1948, 734; 1949, 843; 1950, 989; and 1951, 1,071.

Morehead City Church Plans Watch Night Service

A special watch night service will be held at the Pentecostal Holiness church Wednesday night at 9 o'clock. The Rev. Willie Guy of Laurinburg will be the guest speaker.

Rev. Guy will also speak at the New Year's night service which begins at 7:30. These services were announced by the pastor, the Rev. J. Paul Jones.

Meetings Announced

Miss Martha Barnett, home demonstration agent, has announced the following club meetings for this week. The Core Creek-Harlowe club meets Thursday at 1:30 with Mrs. Will Conner. The Bettie club will meet Friday at 7:30 with Mrs. Guy Gillikin.

Broad Creek Woman Given Year's Suspended Sentence

Miss Halsey Smith of Broad Creek, a deaf mute, was given a year's suspended sentence Tuesday in Carteret county recorder's court after she was found guilty

Civil Service Jobs Open

The United States civil service commission has announced an examination for substitute postal transportation clerk for filling positions in the following states: Alabama, Arizona, California, Colorado, Georgia, Idaho, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maryland, Michigan, Minnesota, Mississippi, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, New Mexico, North Carolina, North Dakota, Ohio, Oregon, South Dakota, Tennessee, Utah, Virginia, Washington, West Virginia, Wisconsin, Wyoming. Applicants must be bona fide residents of the state for which they apply. The jobs pay \$1,712 a year.

A written test is required. Age limits are from 18 to 50 years (waived for persons entitled to veteran preference). Men only are desired.

Full information and application forms may be obtained from the commission's local secretary, Leslie G. Long, Post Office Building, Morehead City, or from the United States civil service commission, Washington 25, D. C. Applications must be received in the commission's Washington office not later than Jan. 22.

Placed on Probation

Fair's sentence was suspended on condition that he remain on good behavior for three years, pay \$15 to the prosecuting witness and pay the costs of court. He was placed on probation for three years.

William (Wild Bill) Godette was found not guilty of possessing and transporting non-tax paid whiskey. The car and whiskey were ordered confiscated.

Joseph R. Baker was ordered to pay a fine of \$200 and costs after he was found guilty of careless and reckless driving. He had originally been charged with drunken driving.

Virgil M. Tosto was fined \$100 and costs for speeding and drunken driving. Leland Francis Garner was fined \$100 and costs for drunken driving.

Barry D. Hamm was fined \$25 and costs for public drunkenness and fighting. Carl Ray Smith was fined \$10 and costs for engaging in an affray.

Freddie G. Smith was fined \$50 and costs for speeding and driving

Jerome W. Sawyer paid costs for driving with an improper license. Willie Sanders was ordered to pay one-half costs for driving a car without brakes.

The state declined to prosecute cases against Harold James Padgett, Dalmon O. Lawrence, George H. Styrton and Charles William White.

Bonds were forfeited by John Tony Wilson, Farley Rivers, Richard Dorrell and Robert Randall.

Cases were continued against James Allen Salter, Ernest Lee Allen, Rose K. Farmer, Fred Ivey Haire, Ben Clifton Taylor, Jack Jones, Hazel Hibson Taylor, Dorothy L. Bloomquist, James S. DeVauhn, Roy Davis, Pat Wilcox, William Allen, Shelton Clark Merrill, Ralph L. Green, Charles Thomas, Rose B. Farmer, Rather Sutton Westbrook and Gerald Cranston Taylor.

Mrs. Claude Morning Wins Yule Decoration Contest

Mrs. Claude B. Morning, 120 Moore st., won the \$10 first prize in the contest to determine the best-decorated house in Beaufort. The \$5 second prize went to Mrs. F. W. Heslep, 1109 Front st.

The Beaufort Junior chamber of commerce sponsored the contest to promote the exterior decoration of homes during the Christmas season.

The winning decoration included a life-size figure of Santa Claus standing beside a fireplace set up in the door of the house.

Fire Sweeps Boat Yard



Morehead City firemen battled for two hours Christmas Eve to extinguish a fire which destroyed a machine shop at Wetherington's boat yard, 905 Shepard street. The cause of the blaze is unknown.

A fire of undetermined origin Wednesday night caused several thousand dollars damage to Wetherington's boat yard in Morehead City. The blaze destroyed the machine shop and damaged a dock and one boat.

The fire started at about 6:45 p.m. Firemen brought it under control in about 15 minutes but worked for two hours to extinguish it. They were called back to the scene at 4 a.m. Thursday morning when the fire started again. The second blaze was put out in a few minutes.

John Wetherington, owner of the boat yard, says that he has no idea how the fire started. The building had been locked up most of the day and nobody was present at the time of the fire.

The machine shop contained brass fittings for boats, batteries which had been stored from the boats tied up at the yard and several pieces of machinery. Some of the ruined machines were recently purchased and had never been used.

Wetherington is not yet sure how much of the contents of the shop can be salvaged. Most of the machinery is still buried under the charred ruins of the shop and has not yet been examined.

Wetherington says that insurance will cover only the amount still due on the newly purchased machinery. The building and the old machines were not insured. The damage will amount to at least \$8,000.

One boat received minor damage when its deck caught fire, but several other boats tied up at the yard escaped damage.

Naval District Change Ordered

More than 9,000 square miles will be taken from the state of North Carolina in the Sixth Naval district and added to the Fifth Naval district effective Jan. 1, 1953, according to a directive received by Fifth Naval district headquarters in Norfolk.

Involved in the transfer are the North Carolina counties of Currituck, Camden, Pasquotank, Gates, Perquimans, Chowan, Dare, Tyrrell, Washington, Hyde, Beaufort, Pamlico, Jones, Carteret and Onslow.

Being made in the interests of economy of operation, the change will bring eastern North Carolina into the Fifth Naval district. The area extends from the northern boundary of the state south along the coast to approximately 50 miles north of Wilmington, Pamlico and Albemarle sounds, the Marine Corps air station at Cherry Point and Camp Lejeune are all within the area being annexed.

Many of the counties involved will be returning to Fifth Naval district jurisdiction, having been so attached several years ago.

Administrative details in connection with the exchange are being handled between the two headquarters.

Harkers Island Flyer Tells of Last Mission

By Flight Commander Fowl L. Feathers, Harkers Island Reserve Squadron

There was a light westerly wind and a heavy overcast on the cold, brisk morning of Dec. 2, 1952. This was preferred flying weather over the sea because we could fly above the ceiling when over enemy anti-aircraft installations which were scattered throughout the sound from Lowland to the northern peninsula of our home base, Harkers Island.

On this morning, myself, Commander Fowl L. Feathers, and my wing man, Lieutenant Bird Beak, were to make the familiar reconnaissance flight from Sea Level east to Core Bank, then southwest to Harkers Island.

Five minutes before take-off time (0555), we flapped up to 50 flaps per minute and checked blood pressure and temperature and found both normal and ready for flight. At 0600 we taxied around into the wind where we made another thorough instrument check. At 0601 I gave the signal to take off and started fanning the water. At 0603 we were airborne and flying an easterly course at 14 mph at an altitude of 20 feet. Between Sea Level and Core Bank I gave the signal to take spray flight position, one foot above the water. We winged over Core Banks twenty minutes later, and near the center of the island we changed our course to the southwest, destination Harkers Island.

I was very familiar with this flight pattern and knew approximately where every anti-aircraft installation was posted. We flew over several of these before sighting Harkers Island, but drew no fire.

Ten minutes northeast of Harkers Island the wind increased to 30 mph cutting our airspeed to 4 mph. Following the increase in wind came torrents of rain and sleet followed by snow.

I signalled Lt. Beak to go aloft to the altitude of 20 feet, and while going up I noticed that he was having a difficult time because his de-icers were inoperative. Two minutes northeast of Harkers Island I noticed that ice was forming on the leading edges of his wings. Having seen this I signalled him to go below to the altitude of 10 feet where prevailing circumstantial flight was more safe. I followed suit.

I was so concerned with Lt. Beak's condition that I did not become aware of having reached

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A three-year-old West Beaufort boy who was struck by a car Friday afternoon is still in critical condition in the Morehead City hospital. Arthur Dunkle, son of Mr. and Mrs. Chester Dunkle, suffered a fractured skull and severe brain concussion when he stepped into the path of a moving car.

The boy has not regained consciousness since the accident. His physician says that he has improved somewhat but that his condition is still critical.

Dunkle said that he left his son in the car when he went into a store on the Nine Foot road near Newport. When Dunkle came out of the store, he stopped to talk to a friend at the side of the road.

Arthur, who had been told to stay in the car, got out to join his father. As he left the car, he stepped into the path of a passing auto. The driver, Albert Gray of Kinston, said that he was unable to stop after the boy stepped in front of him.

Dunkle picked his son up and rushed him to the hospital where he was treated and placed in an oxygen tent.

Police Report Quiet Holiday

Chief Carlton Garner reports that the Beaufort police department spent a quiet holiday. Only one man was arrested during the holiday period.

Wade Golden was arrested Christmas Eve for public drunkenness. He was released on \$25 bond for an appearance today in Beaufort recorder's court. Golden was arrested by Capt. Charlie Thomas and Lt. Otis Willis.

Chief Garner has issued another reminder that Feb. 1 is the deadline for purchasing town license tags. He said that any car owner who does not have a town tag on his car by that date will be cited to appear in recorder's court.

Chief Garner has again asked that citizens stop calling the police department for taxi service. In the past many people have called the police station telephone number in order to reach the taxi stand next door.

Retired Minister Remains Active

The Rev. W. E. "Uncle Bill" Anderson, retired minister of Morehead City, is still active. He celebrated his eightieth birthday recently at his home town of Wendell, by preaching at old Hepizabach church, which he joined sixty-three years ago.

Mr. Anderson was converted at the age of seventeen in the Clyde's Chapel church. Immediately he be-



The Rev. W. E. Anderson

gan teaching the Baraca class of the Hepizabach church. He continued to teach this class for seven years.

At eighteen years of age he became superintendent of the Sunday school at Hepizabach. He had the pleasure of teaching that same class on his eightieth birthday, the one he taught sixty-three years before.

After the morning service at Hepizabach church, lunch was served in the Wendell community house to all his children, grandchildren, relatives and friends. In the afternoon he preached at the place of his conversion, Clyde's Chapel church. To climax the day he enjoyed a delicious dinner at the place of his birth near Wendell.

Menhaden Boat Washed Ashore

The menhaden boat Doswell Edwards, which went down at Beaufort bar Dec. 8, has come ashore near the bath house at Fort Macon state park. The boat washed up on the beach after its engine fell out and lightened it.

The engine, which fell out when the boat began to break up in heavy seas, was dragged from the channel by the Coast Guard buoy tender Conifer. The boat came ashore as plans were underway to blow it up as a menace to navigation.

The Edwards sank as it was being towed into port by another menhaden boat, the W. A. Mace, after its pumps had broken down 12 miles west of the bar. The 23 crewmen aboard were picked up by the Mace.

Tide Table

Tides at Beaufort Bar	
HIGH	LOW
Tuesday, Dec. 30	
7:42 a.m.	1:10 a.m.
7:48 p.m.	2:05 p.m.
Wednesday, Dec. 31	
8:14 a.m.	1:55 a.m.
8:31 p.m.	2:45 p.m.
Thursday, Jan. 1	
8:55 a.m.	2:38 a.m.
9:15 p.m.	3:24 p.m.
Friday, Jan. 2	
9:32 a.m.	3:19 a.m.
9:54 p.m.	4:00 p.m.

Accident Causes \$800 Damage

An accident Christmas Eve caused damage amounting to \$800 to an automobile and truck which collided at Ann and Turner streets, Beaufort.

Curtis Willis of Morehead City told police that he was driving east on Ann street when a truck coming towards him suddenly made a left turn in front of him. Willis said that he could not stop in time to avoid hitting the truck.

Iver Lawrence of Beaufort, driver of the truck, said that he thought that he had time to make the turn before Willis reached the intersection. He said that he gave a signal before making the turn. Willis said that he did not see any signal.

Damage to the car was estimated at \$500, and damage to the truck was estimated at \$300.

Rent Office Again Moved

Carl Winter, area rent director, has announced that Carteret county has again been placed under the jurisdiction of the New Bern rent office. Since the closing of the Morehead City office, the county has been under the jurisdiction of the Jacksonville office.

A representative of the New Bern office will be in Morehead City every Wednesday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. He will be at the old rent office, 9th and Arendell streets, during those hours.

Landlords or tenants who cannot contact the representative at that time should visit the area rent office, 415 Broad street, New Bern. The area office is open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Little Girl's Prayer Heard

Buffalo, N. Y. (AP)—A prayer was answered for devout little Joan Blanco when a local contractor—with an assist from a news photographer and his newspaper—gave Joan a shiny new bicycle.

Nine-year-old Joan had prayed for one "for a long, long time." When she learned of a police department auction of second-hand bicycles, Joan went with her mother, Mrs. Samuel M. Blanco. But they were short on cash.

At the height of the auction, a photographer for the Buffalo Courier-Express snapped a picture of Joan "praying just as hard as she could." The newspaper ran the picture and a contractor, who had remained anonymous, offered a new bicycle.

But disappointed Joan had rushed from the auction before the photographer could get her name. The Courier-Express ran the picture again with the caption, "Prayer Heard, But What's Her Name."

A relative telephoned Joan's parents when he saw the picture. Joan claimed her bicycle.