

Babson Says Eisenhower Will Run; Predicts Good Business

(Editor's Note: Roger W. Babson, noted financier and business forecaster, in the following paragraphs, gives his predictions for the 12 months of 1956.)

1. If no unforeseen event happens, President Eisenhower will be re-nominated and re-elected in 1956.

2. The Republican party has an excellent chance of winning in 1956 with President Eisenhower making a few key speeches and promising to be an active part of the Administration. He is trained to take responsibility and enjoys it; but the President should be relieved of speech making, entertaining, and much of the detail work which goes with being President.

3. Competition will be very severe in 1956, and with few exceptions will cause business profits to be less in 1956 than in 1955. Too many manufacturers, not satisfied with their present good business, are starting to make other products and undercut standard prices.

4. Higher wages may also be expected in 1956, and these could reduce profits. These higher wages, however, will largely be spent and should increase retail sales.

5. Increased advertising appro-

prisions will be seen in 1956. In fact, advertising appropriations for newspapers, magazines, television, radio, and billboards have helped our prosperity, or it would not have lasted through 1955.

6. The recent policy of the money managers in the direction of "squeeze" will be shifted to "ease" sometime in 1956. This reversal could put a floor under any business decline that may start next year.

7. Liberal credits to the purchasers of houses, automobiles, washing machines, televisions, and various other things have bolstered prosperity and will continue to be a strong support to many industries, through 1956 at least.

8. If the Republicans are re-elected in 1956, great sums will continue to be spent on research and new plant expansion. The effect could well be another "turn up" in the Babsonchart Index of Business.

9. Despite the decline in family formations, the baby boom will roll merrily on through 1956. The reason: More parents are willing to have four, five, and even more youngsters. The result: A tremendous, sustained demand for all kinds of necessities—housing, food, clothing, new schools, etc.

10. All told, I look for 1956 to be the second best business year in history—just a shade off from 1955. Predicted declines in the key auto and residential building industries will largely be offset by rising expenditures for roads, sewers, and schools—and by increased demand for electricity, natural gas, and foods.

REAL ESTATE

11. The main handicap to retail business in 1956 will be intensification of the parking nuisance, but this is getting so terrible that a revolutionary solution may be in sight. Shopping centers are a partial remedy and will help suburban property. But only 15% of the people will live in the suburbs in 1956.

12. Cities will condemn old buildings and provide thousands of parking lots in 1956. As this is done, city property will again come back. Until then we see no price improvement during 1956 in city business property.

13. Building costs will average higher through at least the first half of 1956. This means that few-

er homes may be built next year.

14. With demand falling and money more expensive, speculative builders of new homes will have to watch their step more closely in 1956 than in any year since the ending of World War II.

15. Duplex dwellings will probably continue in demand through the whole of 1956 if they are well located. The limiting of rents will probably be totally abolished during 1956.

16. With the trend of vacancies showing a tendency to rise, owners of the newer and more costly apartment buildings will find their profit margins squeezed harder in 1956 than at any time in recent years.

17. Commercial farms need not suffer during 1956. Increased efficiency and new machinery should offset price declines.

18. Owners of small scattered farms will suffer during 1956. They have not the volume or capital to cut their costs to offset the reduced prices for their crops.

19. Farmers within ten or fifteen miles of a city can "beat the game" by selling out at the increased prices which their land will bring for subdivisions. Many more well-located close-in farms

Four Prisoners Break Out Of County Jail Friday

Engineers Will Ask for Bids On Two Projects

Barden's Inlet from Back Sound to Lookout Bight To be 7 Feet



To Visit Here

Wilmington—The dredging of two waterways important to fishing and sports craft in the Carteret-Pamlico Counties area has been scheduled by the Corps of Engineers' Wilmington District.

Invitations for bids will go out Jan. 10 to deepen and widen Barden's Inlet from Back Sound to Lookout Bight to 7 feet by 100 feet, and a 1,300 foot channel at Oriental 10 feet deep and varying in width from 170 feet to 300 feet.

The work will begin approximately 30 days after the low bidder has been determined with 75 days allowed to complete each project.

The Barden's Inlet job involves a channel some 12,000 feet long. This work will bring the inlet to 7 by 100 feet which was authorized in 1937, but which, because of the lack of funds, has been maintained at only 5 feet by about 50 feet.

It is not only a short cut to the ocean for Core Sound navigators, but also an escape route home when storms approach. The 5-foot channel was completed in 1938 and to date has cost a total of \$24,676.

Work was done recently on that channel by the Carteret Dredging Co. That work consisted of removing three shoal areas which covered a total distance of 3,000 feet.

Current plans say bids will be asked later this month to build a rubble-mound breakwater at Oriental to protect the harbor and part of the entrance channel. The breakwater will begin on the mainland and extend some 800 feet in a southwesterly direction. The channel project was authorized in 1910 and was completed shortly afterwards at a cost of \$14,471.

Sheriff Hugh Salter has four more reasons for wanting a new jail, but quick. The reasons are four Negroes who sawed their way out of the jail Friday night. Discovery of the break was made Saturday morning by Em Chaplain, jailer.

Gone, with the swiftness of Santa's sleigh, are A. J. Williams, George Butler, Curtis Thomas and Ernest Barrett. Williams is charged with shooting Curtis Bell in Morehead City and was to be tried in the next term of Superior Court.

Butler, charged with cutting a woman, was given a one-year sentence in Morehead City Court, and appealed. Thomas was serving 30 days and was scheduled to be freed the day after Christmas, and Barrett was evidently in the jail a short time before he followed the footsteps of the other three.

Barrett was charged with public drunkenness and fighting. He was picked up Friday night when a fellow, whom he was chasing with a knife, turned in a fire alarm to summon help.

One bar of a back window on the first floor was sawed out. That was all that was necessary, the sheriff said, for the men to crawl through.

Breaking out of the county jail is nothing new. Prisoners are fairly successful at it. That's why Sheriff Salter is impatient to have the new jail, now in the blueprint stage, built in a hurry.

Lawyer Doesn't Expect Ruling Until Late March

Dr. Beverly Lake, chief counsel for the three towns protesting Carolina Water Company's rate increase, does not expect the utilities commission to give its ruling before late March or early April.

The hearing started last Tuesday morning at Raleigh and ended late Wednesday.

Following presentation of water company figures and Dr. Lake's penetrating examination of water firm witnesses, some opinions were given to the effect that the increase allowed, if any, wouldn't be more than 25 or 30 per cent. The water company is requesting 100 per cent.

Dr. Lake, retained by Beaufort, Morehead City and Snow Hill, is the author of two books on utilities law and taught at Wake Forest law school.

Dan Walker, Beaufort's town clerk, appeared on the stand Tuesday, but no other townspeople were called to testify. Wednesday's action consisted of Dr. Lake's questioning water company auditors.

In addition to Mr. Walker, Gene Smith and George McNeill, town attorneys, H. L. Joslyn, George Rowles, both of Morehead City; J. P. Harris, Beaufort, and Mayor George Dill, Morehead City, attended the hearing.

Christmas Day Was Warm, Sunny

Santa Claus tucked warm weather in his pack for Christmas Day. The whole east coast experienced an unusually mild holiday.

At Atlantic Beach Sunday a family was even wading in the surf. The high temperature for that day, Christmas, was 65, according to E. Stamey Davis, weather observer.

The low recorded for the week was 30 degrees Thursday, and a bit of rain fell Saturday night.

The high and low temperatures for the week and the wind directions were as follows:

	Max.	Min.	Winds
Thursday	47	30	SSW
Friday	56	38	SW
Saturday	60	50	SW
Sunday	65	53	SW
Monday	57	41	NE

Firemen Answer Five Alarms

Beaufort firemen answered four alarms and the Morehead City firemen answered one since Wednesday.

Thursday at 3:30 in the afternoon the Beaufort department answered an alarm at the home of Fire Chief C. B. Harrell on Lennoxville Road where a sofa caught fire.

On Friday at 6:05 p.m. they answered an alarm at the home of Carrie Davis, Marsh and Cedar Streets, where an oil stove did \$500 damage.

At 11:10 that night they were called out to a woods fire at Sea Level, and at 12:30 a.m. Saturday morning a false alarm from box 42, Pine and Queen Streets, was answered.

The Morehead City firemen answered a call to a brush fire in the 2300 block of Fisher Street at 2:30 p.m. Sunday.

Two Cars Bump On Highway 24

Damage totaling \$300 was caused to two cars at 9:45 p.m. Sunday night, Dec. 18, on Highway 24, about 200 feet west of Taylor's store, Bogue.

John William Brown, Swansboro, driver of one of the cars, has been charged with improper passing; Brown, driving a 1950 Studebaker, was headed east and attempted to pass a Mercury on the right side as the Mercury was turning right.

Brown said he thought Alvin M. White Jr., Swansboro, driver of the Mercury, was going to make a left turn.

Damage to each car was estimated at \$150.

Automobile Turns Over; Passenger Slightly Hurt

Richard Michael Failla, Cherry Point, was cited for careless and reckless driving and speeding when the car he was driving was demolished Wednesday at 10 p.m. east of Newport on Highway 70.

According to the report by State Highway Patrolman J. W. Sykes, the 1954 DeSoto which Failla was driving was going at a high rate of speed. Failla lost control and the car turned over several times.

Terry G. Derrberry, Cherry Point, a passenger in the car was taken to Cherry Point dispensary for treatment of cuts on the head. Failla was unhurt.

Driver Cited

John Henry Fritchett was apprehended by Chief Guy Sprinkle, Beaufort, at 1:30 p.m. Monday at Queen and Pine Streets. He was charged with careless and reckless driving and no operator's license.

Newport FFA Wins Recognition

The Newport chapter, Future Farmers of America, recently received a national chapter certificate. The certificate was presented to the chapter by T. B. Elliott, district supervisor vocational agricultural education.

This award was based on the degree of achievements of the chapter in meeting approved standards and in carrying out a program of work in 1955.

The National Chapter Award gives recognition to local chapters of Future Farmers of America for accomplishing outstanding programs of activities and providing valuable education experiences for the entire membership, explains C. S. Long, advisor. The award is administered by the National Board of Student Officers and the National Board of Directors of the Future Farmers of America.

Five types of awards are provided by the National organization. Newport received the standard award. The chapter hopes to earn the superior award in 1956.

C. L. Pake Jr. Escapes Injury

Charles L. Pake Jr., student at Chowan College, who is home for the holidays, was involved in a wreck on the Lennoxville Road at 1:40 p.m. Sunday.

Pake escaped injury when the 1953 Chevrolet he was driving turned over near Mack's beer garden. Pake was traveling west. He has been charged with careless and reckless driving, causing an accident.

According to Beaufort Police Officer Mack Wade, Pake lost control of the car, grazed a bumper of a parked car at Mack's, swerved over to the south side of the road, tore off a guy wire on a power pole and upset. The car landed on its top.

Officer Wade said damage to the pole caused WEMA to be off the air for a short while. The car was demolished.

Pake was alone in the car. His home is at Lennoxville.

Pappy Fulcher, Nearing 80, Believes in Keeping Busy

(Editor's Note: This is another in the series of articles on Carteret personalities.)

By HAL SHAPIRO

"From the 'tops of the treetops' to the bed of the ocean," J. H. (Pappy) Fulcher of Morehead City has earned a living. He is a firm believer in getting out and working for what he wants.

Soon to be 80 years old, next July 16 to be exact, Pappy, as he is known, has been a jack of all trades most of his lifetime. He gets the most pleasure now from his garden.

A native of Carteret County, born in Davis, he moved to Morehead City with his family when he was a year old.

He said, "I got me in a little paid schooling plus a little free schooling and started working when I was 12 years old."

Worked in Fish Houses

His first jobs were in the fall of the year working in the fish houses hereabouts for 5 cents an hour on the day shift and 6 cents working nights.

That summer he also sold papers at the Atlantic Beach Hotel handling the Richmond Dispatch, The Washington (D.C.) Post and the Kinston Free Press.

At the age of 15 he joined Alf Dixon on a party boat as handy-boy. He baited hooks for the sports fishermen.

By the time he was 18 Pappy, who is a traditional figure on the Morehead waterfront, had his own boat and was made a sailboat captain. As a matter of fact he lays claim to being the oldest licensed captain on the Atlantic coast. On April 11 of next year he will have been a captain for 50 years.

His boat, which is still used through the spring, summer and fall for parties, is the Lualma and was built—believe it or not—in 1876. Captain Fulcher stated that he has "retouched her" on various occasions and the engine in her



Photo by Jerry Schumacher

... been party-boatin' for years

now is the eighth since he obtained her.

From 1912-1916 Pappy ran a wholesale fish business in Morehead City. He knows all aspects of the fishing business.

Jack of All Trades

He is a painter, carpenter, cook, gardener, as well as an avid collector of seashells. In his home on N. 6th Street in Morehead City he has one of the most beautiful collections of native seashells in this area.

Referring to his gardening, he said, "I have the prettiest collards in the county." He not only has pretty collards, but his rutabaga and other crops are beautiful enough to be pictured in a seed catalog.

Pappy, who has worked hard all his life, and still finds plenty to keep himself occupied, believes he has a perfect philosophy, "Drink plenty of milk and keep a clear conscience."

His friends are numbered among the both rich and poor. "If a man comes to me hungry, you can be rest assured I'll feed him," says the venerable sea captain.

Pappy was first married to Minnie Cox of Onslow County and they had two children. His first wife and both children have died. From his marriage to Luteria Nelson, which has lasted thus far 47 years, he has five children. They are sons, Hubert and Joseph M., daughters Mrs. Sara Frances Bowers and Mrs. Mary Louise Rich, all of Morehead City, and Mrs. Bessie Roundtree of Hyde County.

In his seafaring days Pappy recollected, while fishing, that he fell overboard and ice was floating all around him. He also re-

Smyrna Driver Gets Citation

Hugh Archie Warren, Smyrna, was cited for careless and reckless driving after the car he was driving, a 1951 Henry J., was involved in an accident at 5 p.m. Sunday.

The other car was a 1948 Plymouth driven by Dallas H. Salter of Davis. The accident occurred on Highway 70 fourteen miles east of Beaufort in front of Guy Willis's residence.

Patrolman J. W. Sykes investigated and reported that Warren crossed the center line and that Salter cut left trying to avoid contact. Salter said his car struck the Warren vehicle in the right front.

Passengers in Salter's vehicle, Evelyn Salter, his wife, and Annie Babbitt, also of Davis, were taken to Sea Level Hospital, for treatment of cuts and bruises.

Damage to the Salter vehicle was estimated at \$300 on the right front side and \$200 on the right front end of the Warren car.

Santa Claus Visits Swansboro

The eighth annual Christmas Tree celebration for Swansboro and surrounding communities took place in Swansboro Friday night.

Gifts were given to all children attending. Sponsor of this year's event was the Men's Club of Swansboro.

The program for the party included numbers by the Swansboro High School Band under the direction of L. W. Edmonds.

They played March by Normal Bennett; March, The Thunderer by Sousa; Yuletide, Sketecher, and Frosty the Snowman.

The Junior High Glee Club and the audience, under the direction of Mary Kietzman, sang Christmas carols.

Santa Claus made his appearance in a "40 and 8" locomotive at 8:30, with gifts for the children, old folks and shut-ins.

New Housing Unit To Go Up at Lejeune

Camp Lejeune—Approval has been granted by the Defense Department for construction of a 400-unit housing project at Marine Corps Air Facility, New River.

The new homes, which will provide quarters for 100 officers and 300 enlisted men and their families, will be built under the provisions of the Capehart Housing Act.

To date, the location or the construction time-table of the New River housing has not been announced.

Capehart housing units are operated as government quarters and tenants must surrender quarters allotment for occupancy.

Tide Table

Tides at the Beaufort Bar	HIGH	LOW
Tuesday, Dec. 27		
6:20 a.m.		11:54 p.m.
6:48 p.m.		
Wednesday, Dec. 28		
7:13 a.m.		12:56 a.m.
7:41 p.m.		1:57 p.m.
Thursday, Dec. 29		
8:05 a.m.		1:51 a.m.
8:36 p.m.		2:38 p.m.
Friday, Dec. 30		
8:58 a.m.		2:45 a.m.
9:32 p.m.		3:28 p.m.

News in a Nutshell

INTERNATIONAL

TEMPORARY ARMISTICE was called in the Holy Land to allow pilgrims to visit the shrines of Christendom. Arab-Jew feuds have been making a mockery of the angel chorus, "Peace on earth good-will to men."

IN THE FAR EAST South Koreans and Chinese Communist gunboats traded fire Sunday in the Yellow Sea. South Korea says the Communists seized four of their Coast Guardsmen.

NATIONAL

TRAFFIC DEATHS for the Christmas weekend set a new record, 561. Deaths predicted were 560.

FRENCH EISENHOWER and his family spent Christmas in the White House. The day was high-

lighted by his three oldest grandchildren singing a carol, a turkey dinner and the family's first formal portrait in the President's Washington residence.

WEST COAST FLOODS made Christmas dismal for many residents in Oregon and California. Melting snow and heavy rains caused thousands to flee their homes.

STATE

WAKE FOREST COLLEGE trustees have called off an investigation of Dr. Harold Tribble, college president and his administration. Opponents of the president say they're not satisfied with the outcome.

DIXIE CLASSIC basketball tournament opens Thursday at William Neal Reynolds Coliseum at Raleigh.