

Economists See Prosperous Year

RALEIGH. — "Predictions by economists indicate a \$10 billion rise in gross national production during 1955. And the trucking industry will assume its proper share of that prosperity, unless it suffers the enactment of some legis-

lative proposals now being considered," W. W. Miller, Jr., of Charlotte stated today.

As president of the North Carolina Motor Carriers association, Mr. Miller was speaking for the North Carolina trucking industry in a year-end statement and 1955 outlook.

Mr. Miller, also president of Miller Motor Express, Inc., Charlotte, went on to add that "few businessmen are timid about predicting a record or near-record year for 1955 for manufacturers of most goods. Sixty percent of manufacturers surveyed by Dun & Bradstreet expect increased sales for the first quarter of 1955.

"This means good business for the trucking industry," Miller predicted. "In a normal year, truckers handle 75% of the nation's total freight tonnage. We can expect at least this amount of the increased national production to move by truck in 1955.

"Particularly affected by this beneficial increase will be the more than 1,800 North Carolina communities served only by truck," he pointed out. "Expected increases in employment will swell the already high 150,000 employee list of the trucking industry in North Carolina, thereby raising our economy."

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11:00 a. m., Morning Prayer and Sermon.
Wednesday 10:30 a. m., Holy Communion.

Holy Communion on the first Sunday of the month at 11:00 a. m. and on Feast Days at 8 a. m.

BLACK MOUNTAIN FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
Montreat Road
W. A. Huneycutt, Pastor.
SERVICES:
Sunday school at 9:45 a. m. Morning worship 11:00 a. m. B.T.U. 6:15 p. m. Evening worship 7:30 p. m. Wednesday Bible Study at 7:30 p. m.

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH
Black Mountain
Rev. C. N. Williams, pastor.
J. O. U. A. M. Hall.
Glen Morgan, superintendent.
Sunday School, 9:45 a. m. Preaching service 11:00 a. m. A cordial welcome is extended to all.

BLACK MOUNTAIN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Montreat Road—Dial 5271
William R. Klein, Pastor
SUNDAY:
Sunday School, 10:00 a. m. Worship Service, 11:00 a. m. Wednesday Evening 7:30, Prayer meeting.

MONTREAT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Stanley L. Bennett, pastor.
SUNDAY SERVICES:
Sunday School, 9:45 a. m. Worship Service, 11:00 a. m. PRAYER MEETING
Wednesday afternoon at Assembly Inn, 4:00 p. m., Wednesday evening, 7:30 p. m., Gaither Chapel.

BLACK MOUNTAIN METHODIST CHURCH
Corner State and Church Streets
R. W. Walters, Minister
SUNDAY SERVICES:
Sunday School at 9:45 a. m. Morning worship at 11:00 a. m. Methodist Youth Fellowship 7:00 p. m.

BLUE RIDGE CHAPEL FIRST CHURCH OF GOD
(Non-denominational)
Blue Ridge road, Black Mountain, N. C. Rev. R. L. Johnson, pastor. Telephone 4984.
Sunday School 10:00 a. m.; morning worship 11:00 a. m. Young People 6:30 p. m., evening worship 7:30 p. m. Prayer service Wednesday 7:30 p. m.

—Receipts from the sale of livestock and livestock products amounted to \$220,065,000 in 1953.

TABERNACLE METHODIST CHURCH
George Culbreth, Pastor.
Preaching service, 10 o'clock.
Sunday school, 11 o'clock.
Prayer meeting, Sunday evening at 7:30 o'clock.
W. S. C. S., third Tuesday evening—8 p. m.

FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST, SCIENTIST
64 North French Broad Avenue Asheville, N. C.
Sunday School, 11:00 a. m. Sunday Service, 11:00 a. m. Wednesday Service, 8:00 p. m. God's readiness and willingness to heal sickness and sin today, as He did in Christ Jesus' time, will be set forth at Christian Science services this Sunday.

Scriptural selections in the Lesson-Sermon entitled "Truth" will include the account of the successful healing missions of Jesus' disciples, as recorded in Luke's Gospel, (Chapters 9, 10).

The ever-availability of the Christ, Truth will be brought out in readings from "Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures" by Mary Baker Eddy, including truth for error of every kind, and Truth destroys only what is untrue. Hence the fact that, today, as yesterday, Christ casts out evils and heals the sick." (142:31).

The Golden Text is from Psalms 57:3: "God shall send forth his mercy and his truth."

BALD MOUNTAIN BAPTIST CHURCH
—Sunday—
Pastor, Rev. Frank Hollifield.
Sunday school, 10:30 a. m. Preaching service at 11:15 every first and third Sundays.

CHESTNUT HILL BAPTIST CHURCH
Rev. L. O. Vess, Pastor
Sunday School 10:00
Preaching 11:00
Evening Service 7:30
Prayer Meeting Wednesday 7:30

VANCE AVENUE BAPTIST CHURCH
D. C. Hardin, Pastor.
Sunday school at 10:00 a. m. Morning worship at 11:00 a. m. every 2, 4 and 5th Sundays.
Evening worship at 7:30 p. m. Prayer service, Thursday at 7:30 p. m.

OLD FORT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Sunday
10:00 a. m. Sunday School.
11:15 a. m. Morning Worship.
6:30 p. m. Youth Fellowship.

SILOAM PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Sunday
9:15 a. m. Sunday School.
10:15 a. m. Morning Worship.

CHURCH OF GOD
Lakely Street.
James Morton, pastor.
Sunday school, 10 a. m. Morning worship 11 a. m. Evening worship 7:30 p. m. Tuesday evening prayer meeting 7:30 p. m. Young People's meeting Thursday, 7:30 p. m.

BEE TREE CHRISTIAN CHURCH
W. T. Nichols, pastor.
Bible school 10:00 a. m. each Sunday. Worship service every Sunday at 11 a. m. Woman's Council 2nd Wednesday in each month, official Board meeting the first Sunday following worship service.

BROAD RIVER BAPTIST CHURCH
Pastor, Rev. Wade Huntley.
—Sunday—
Sunday school, 10 a. m. Preaching service, 11 a. m. Prayer meeting Saturday night at 7 p. m.

EAST BLACK MOUNTAIN FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH
Rev. G. M. Reynolds, pastor.
SERVICES:
Sunday School, 10 a. m. Preaching service, 11 a. m. Prayer meeting each Wednesday evening at 7:30.

KERLEE BAPTIST CHURCH
Ridgecrest Road
Rev. J. N. Binford, Interim Pastor.
Sunday school, 10:00 a. m. Morning worship, 11:00 a. m. B. T. U. 7:00 p. m. Evening worship, 8:00 p. m. Prayer service Wednesdays at 7:30 o'clock.

CATAWBA FALLS BAPTIST CHURCH
Rev. Virgil Bradburn, Pastor
Sunday School 10:00
Church Service 11:00
Evening Ser. 7:00
Wed. Prayer Ser. 7:00

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The hours pass slowly for a four-year-old when she's confined to a bed, even with her favorite doll and a coloring book for entertainment. Boisterous, energetic play ended for Donna Lynn Moore last August 12, when she was stricken with polio. The only child of Mr. and Mrs. Don W. Moore of Route 9, Greensboro, Donna has been a patient at Central Carolina Convalescent Hospital in Greensboro for the past five months. Contributions to the N. C. March of Dimes will provide further treatment to hasten Donna's return to happy days of play.

Poel's Corner

Conducted by Anne K. Sharp, Chairman, Creative Writing Group

BARN IN WINTER

Something about a barn a winter's night
Eludes the world of day . . . and all around
Is breathlessness: is softest of star-bright,
Replete within a certain deep profound.
A pigeon wing flicks lightly overhead,
A tiny avalanche drifts from the roof—
A fieldmouse rustles in its lofty bed.
The heifer shifts . . . as if on velvet hoof.

What is it holds the winter stillness in
While all the warmth of summertime spills out?
What force can draw one to a barn . . . and spin
A shining web of faith from fear and doubt?
Has it to do with quietness of snow?
Or manger thoughts . . . a barn had long ago?

—Emma G. Shafner.

Courtesy of "The Country Poet" of Sanbornville, N. J.

"Ought not winter be represented by things that suggest hope rather than despair? The lamb born in the fold, the bud alive in its sheath? The green corn under the snow. These to me are the allegory of winter."—Richard Jeffries.

Anne K. Sharp,
Chr. Poet's Corner for Creative Writing Club.

DEBORAH JOHNSTON HONORED WITH PARTY

Deborah Johnston, small daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Johnston, celebrated her second birthday anniversary Friday afternoon, Jan. 14, at the home of her grandmother, Mrs. Carl Smith.

During the party pictures were made of the small tots. Favors were given and birthday cake, ice cream and candy in small baskets

SWANNANOVA FREEWILL BAPTIST CHURCH
John Cansler, Pastor.
SERVICES:
Sunday school, 10:00 a. m. Preaching, 11:00 a. m. Evening service: League, 6:15. Worship in Song, 7:00. Message, 7:30.
Wednesday Prayer Service, 7:00 p. m.

LAUREL SPRINGS BAPTIST CHURCH
Lloyd Howell, pastor
Sunday school, 10; morning worship, 11; evening worship, 7:30; prayer meeting Tuesday nights at 7:30; Young Peoples' meeting Friday nights at 7:30.

OLD FORT METHODIST CHURCH
Old Fort, N. C.
SERVICES:
Sunday, 10:00 a. m., Church School.
11:00 a. m., morning worship.
6:30 p. m., MYF.
Wednesday, 7:00 p. m., midweek service and choir practice.

CHURCH OF GOD
Moffitt Hill, Old Fort, N. C.
Rev. W. O. Roundtree, pastor
SERVICES:
Sunday: Sunday School, 10 a. m. 7:00 p. m., evening service.

were served to the following small guests and their mothers. Mrs. Gene Hughey, Lonnie, Gary and Janice, Mrs. James Buckner, Sandra, Beverly and Terry; Mrs. Burton Osteen, David and Preston; Mrs. Alvis Osteen, Vickie, Keith and Jed; Mrs. Everette Stephenson, Jimmy and Jerry; Sheila Diane Johnston, Mrs. Smith and the hostess.



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WHEN I WAS A GIRL...

When I was a girl they used to say that bread was the staff of life. It's an expression that you still hear, of course, but not so much as you once did.

True, there was something tantalizing and wonderful about the smell of home-baked bread wafting in from the kitchen. And how the men folk loved it, after a hard day at work in the fields.

But as I grew older, I began to realize that neither bread nor anything else you can see, touch, and smell is the staff of life. Sound funny? Well, think it over, and you'll see what I mean. Our greatest strength comes from the things that aren't tangible. The spiritual things, I guess you'd call them.

My own staff of life has been the Church. It has supported me when I have needed it the most. When my children came along, I taught them to believe that the Church was their real staff of life. In this belief they have found hope, solace, and comfort, just as I have.

THE CHURCH FOR ALL . . . ALL FOR THE CHURCH

The Church is the greatest factor on earth for the building of character and good citizenship. It is a storehouse of spiritual values. Without a strong Church, neither democracy nor civilization can survive. There are four sound reasons why every person should attend services regularly and support the Church. They are: (1) For his own sake. (2) For his children's sake. (3) For the sake of his community and nation. (4) For the sake of the Church itself, which needs his moral and material support. Plan to go to church regularly and read your Bible daily.

Day	Book	Chapter	Verses
Sunday	Psalms	90	1-17
Monday	Proverbs	16	1-16
Tuesday	Ecclesiastes	3	1-15
Wednesday	Luke	4	1-14
Thursday	John	4	1-45
Friday	Philippians	2	1-11
Saturday	Philippians	4	8-13

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