



Washington—The state of the nation's economy is emerging as chief issue before the Congress.

**Halt The Depression**  
Congressional concern is focused on the rapidly developing recession and toward measures to halt this downturn. Paradoxical of last year the major economic concern was inflation. Consumers, as you will remember, were then urged to curtail their spending. Now a sharp reversal

to recession has occurred and more consumer buying is needed. Industrial production is off and, according to official estimates, close to five million people are jobless. Wise action is mandatory to stabilize the economy and to prevent a deepening of the recession.

**Presidential Optimism**  
The President has spoken hopefully of a business upturn beginning next month. On the basis of present information, I believe that this is a far too optimistic view. Certainly no one would encourage a "gloom or doom" attitude, or a panic reaction, to the current recession. Conversely, the easy optimism that speaks of the situation as just a "breather" or an "adjustment" is unwise and is of small consolation to those who bear the hardships of the recession. What is needed is information and realistic evaluation of the economic state, from which adequate corrections may be made.

**Proposals Offered**  
Various proposals have been offered in the attempt to bolster the economy. The Administration has offered higher defense outlays, an easing of credits, and a post office building plan. There is question whether these measures are adequate and whether they can be made operative in

time to effect relief.

Congressional leaders have suggested other plans which are broader. These consist chiefly of expansions and speed-up in public works projects such as highway construction, dam and flood control programs, and federal building. Consideration of these plans have not reached a conclusive stage but they will receive a priority treatment by the Congress.

**Tax Cut**  
A possible tax cut has also been suggested. In the first session of this Congress it had been hoped that some reduction in taxes might be made. With the advent of the Russian satellite last October and the further evaluation of defense needs, all such hopes seemed to have vanished. Again the tax reduction issue appears, this time proposed as a means to encourage consumer purchasing. While all of us most earnestly desire tax relief, such proposal must be measured against the facts of our great defense needs and our already swollen federal debt. Any tax cut at this time would seem to call for further increase in the federal debt since defense spending must be maintained. Unless a tax cut is felt to be the only means to reverse the recession, Congress, in my opinion, will not vote to cut taxes this year. In the event that the recession deepens and other measures do not improve the economy such cut may be made.

**Traffic Jams**  
While Washington offers many attractions to the visitor, it offers him as well extremely bad traffic jams. This is especially true during the morning and evening rush hours when government workers make their entrances and exits. With the records now of last week most government workers were at a standstill because of traffic difficulties. Capitol Hill did manage to function without losing time.

Arguments have continued for years in regard to an additional bridge across the Potomac to ease the traffic situation. At present the argument concerns whether to build a bridge or a tunnel. Meanwhile the traffic problems worsens and tie-ups are a frequent event. To motorists who drive to Washington I would advise arriving during non-rush hours.

**Warwick Baptist Church, the Rev. Lee A. Phillips, pastor, will have charge of special music as recognition is paid to that church. The pastor will take part on the program for the evening. As is the usual custom, the choir from the Great Hope Baptist Church will take charge of all special music on Sunday night, March 15.**

A special message to the younger folks will be presented each night by the visiting evangelist and they are asked to sit near the front of the church. These younger people will also have special music under the direction of Mrs. Henry V. Napier with Mrs. Wilbur Privott accompanying.

**Pruning Can Prevent Spreading Of Disease**  
Late winter months are a good time to prune shade trees. E. S. Douglass, forestry specialist for the U. S. Agricultural Extension Service, says that pruning diseased or damaged limbs can prevent the spread of disease, improve the appearance of the tree and increase the usefulness of a tree as an ornamental shade tree.

Douglass says to be sure to make a neat cut as close as possible to the trunk. He says the best way to do this is to cut part way through the limb from the underside about six or eight inches from the trunk. Then remove the limb by cutting from the top a few inches farther out. This will prevent the weight of the limb from tearing a strip down the side of the tree. The stub should be removed by cutting close to the tree.

Wounds over two inches in diameter should be kept covered with asphalt, heavy paint or spar varnish until they heal over. Otherwise, rot fungi may become established in the exposed dry wood and the tree will eventually be hollow.

Douglass concludes: "A nice shade tree requires many years to grow. Any reasonable amount of care is a paying proposition."

**People And How They Think Have Changed**  
The pattern of our population changes. Different thoughts and experiences result from the shift of population. Consider what has happened in the United States during the past 10 years:

- Some 16 million people have died.
- Some 18 1/2 million marriages have taken place.
- Some 41 million babies have been born.
- Over one-fifth of all present U. S. families have been formed.

Out of the 170-odd million people in the U. S. today, 77% do not remember World War I. Some 49% do not remember what conditions were like before World War II. Some 37% have no personal recollection of what a major depression is like. Some 42% cannot remember Russia as an active ally of the United States.

—American School News.

**WALT DISNEY PLANS NEW EXHIBITS**  
Walt Disney, creator of "Disneyland," has a new dream for expanding his amusement park. His new ideas include adventures in science, undersea voyage, scenic excursions and others. Be sure to read "My Newest Dream" by Walt Disney in March 9th issue of the

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**Week Of Evangelism On Chowan Charge**  
The Chowan Charge of Methodist Churches will hold its Week of Evangelism at Center Hill Methodist Church March 9 to 14. The Rev. J. H. Waldrop, Jr., of Grace Methodist Church, Clinton N. C., will be guest evangelist, bringing the message each evening at 7:30 o'clock. The public is invited to join in this week of services dedicated to Christ.

**County Churches Plan For Revivals**  
Final plans for the Spring Evangelistic Crusade of the Great Hope and Center Hill Baptist churches have been announced by their pastor, the Rev. Henry V. Napier.

Beginning Sunday, March 9, and continuing through Friday night, March 14, with services each evening at 7:30 o'clock, evangelistic services will be held at the Great Hope Baptist Church at Hertford, with the Rev. Frank B. Dowd as the guest evangelist. The Rev. Henry V. Napier, pastor of the Great Hope Baptist Church, will bring the evangelistic messages using chalk talk artistry. During the week special music will be provided by choirs from various churches in the area. On Sunday, March 9, at 7:30 o'clock the choir from the Center Hill Baptist Church will provide the special music. On Monday night, March 10, the Men's Chorus from the Hertford Baptist Church will provide the special music and on Thursday, March 13, the choir from the Bethel Baptist Church near Hertford, will have charge of the music. A special children's message will be presented each evening by the evangelist, and all children are asked to sit near the front of the church.

Beginning Sunday, March 16, and continuing through Friday night, March 21, evangelistic services will be held at the Center Hill Baptist Church at Tyner. The evangelistic messages will be presented by the Rev. Frank Cale, pastor of the First Baptist Church of South Boston, Va. Mr. Cale is a former pastor of the Center Hill, Rocky Hook and Warwick Baptist Churches in Chowan County and his return is looked forward to by all the former members that he served. On Monday night, March 17, special recognition is to be given to the Bethel's Bridge Baptist Church, the Rev. Lamar Schell, pastor. At that time the choir from Bethel's Bridge will have charge of all special music using their Men's Chorus and choir. Their pastor will also have part on the program for the evening. On Tuesday night, March 18, special recognition is to be paid to the Rocky Hook Baptist Church, the Rev. J. H. Waldrop, Jr. The choir from that church will have charge of all special music each evening. Tuesday evening, March 20, the Rev. Henry V. Napier, pastor of the Great Hope Baptist Church, will have charge of all special music each evening. Wednesday night, March 21, the Rev. Henry V. Napier, pastor of the Great Hope Baptist Church, will have charge of all special music each evening.



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