

"No Favor Sways Us, No Fear Shall Awe"
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Mid-Year Audit

The mid-year audit of American business by no means confirms the pessimism which marked some prognostications six months ago. The general volume of business, of employment, of wages and profits has been well maintained. Industrial production has averaged about 10 per cent higher. Payroll totals are larger. While the number of unemployed has increased it has not reached a serious mark. Volume of retail sales has held up remarkably well. There have been declines and price cuts on some lines, like women's apparel, but generally it has been temporary in character. Prices given for fall merchandise are still high.

The amount of construction has been far above prewar years, though lower than was anticipated for home building in 1947. Costs have put a brake on new construction but commercial construction moves ahead under the necessities of taking care of present and future opportunities.

So the recession first set for the fall of 1945, then for the spring of 1946, and later for the fall of that year, and surely for 1947 will have to come in the next six months or else be postponed to another year.

Discussing the situation the bulletin of the Cleveland Trust company points to three strong supports for business: inventory accumulation, meeting war-deferred demand, and export trade. They sustained and increased the volume of business after the war, but as the bulletin says, they "cannot be relied upon as permanent major sustaining influences."

Inventories have jumped in value and amount since V-J day. Except on such durable goods as housing, automobiles, machines, the deferred demand is being steadily reduced. Our export surplus is on a very insecure foundation. Of all these the latter is the most risky prop to domestic business. Even if inventory accumulation ends and trade gets down to a normal basis, if purchasing power is maintained through full employment and a fair balance of prices, domestic prosperity could continue if no disturbance came to export trade or to credit.

It is well at this middle of the year to publish the summary of conditions as prepared by the economists of the Cleveland Trust Co.

Qualitative summation is possible; quantitative has been ruled out as unwarranted forecasting. Industrial production is large and unemployment small. Retail distribution is exceeding expectations. Competition is increasingly keen, but that is the "American way" for which business has fought, and a promise of an over-all higher standard of living. Major deferred demand for automobiles, farm equipment, railroad equipment, the requirements of the electric power and light and telephone industries, and major segments of the electrical manufacturing and steel industries; and the high prospective demand for petroleum products indicate wide areas on the industrial front that should cushion any decline in business. Inventory accumulation has already exercised its major sustaining force; inventories are still moderate, but only in terms of present business volumes. Export volumes are high and likely to remain so during 1947, but our "favorable" balance of trade is larger than can be obtained except during a transition period. Potential demand for building must increasingly become actual demand; business and public alike must be convinced that the dollar spent on construction yields a fair return.

The last word of wage and price increases this spring did the country a disservice; it was a move away from economic balance. Any recession involved in this readjustment should prove moderate in the event that progress toward efficient operation continues, with special emphasis on its need in the strategically important construction industry. Depression under existing conditions would be inexcusable. This country faces such opportunities that it can have almost any measure of prosperity it is determined to achieve. But prosperity is not to be had for the wishing; it must still be earned—and fortunately it can be.

Papers have told of raising of funds to care for "blue" babies by providing them with proper medical and nursing care. One person writes to The Statesman and urges a general fund to finance such cases of need. The appeal has just as much validity as others for special ills of children. Why not pool the campaigns into a general one without reference to the specific ailment the child is suffering from?

The flying disc business is getting sillier. An Everett manufacturer says they are the aluminum caps from cola bottles. Next!

A former Baltimore newsman has been found guilty of treason for broadcasting Nazi propaganda during the war. He may be running his finger around his collar now.

Currently Senator Wayne Morse outranks Henry Wallace and Uncle Joe Stalin on the scoreboard of men cussed and discussed.

Soon the season's queens and princesses can go back and resume baby-sitting.

Molotov is said to have brought to Paris a Russian plan for reconstructing Europe. Probably its first item is "Pay me."

With three days' surcease from work over the coming week end, some are sure to make it a "lost week end."

rose window, of Gothic architecture. These buildings gave dignity and beauty to the emerging city. Commercial buildings, while not particularly distinctive in design, were built for stability in that time of expansion following the Civil war. Among them are Reed's opera house (Miller building), Chemeketa hotel (enlarged and remodeled into Marion hotel), Ladd and Bush bank building (1868), Holman building and Smith's brick (Statesman building) on opposite sides of Ferry street. Drake's Iron Works, the old brick of the present Salem Iron Works, is one of the oldest commercial structures in the city.

Revolution has come in transportation since the 1840s when keel boats or bateaux on the river were the means of travel, supplemented by trails on land. Early legislatures authorized building of roads—a job by no means ended. The first regular steamship on the upper Willamette was the Multnomah built in the winter of 1851-2. Steamers were the chief means of transportation until the coming of the O & C railroad in the early 1870s. Now, of course, there is no regular river service and motor vehicles and airplanes compete with railroads.

Communication, too, has been revolutionized. As late as the 1870s dispatch of mail to Silverton was twice a week and to Lebanon once a week. A telegraph line was completed to California during the Civil war and its first news message told of the death of Col. Edward Baker, Oregon senator. The telephone system's history is within the lifetime of Dr. R. E. L. Steiner, the first local manager.

One thing which has always impressed me about Salem's industrial development is that it was largely the result of "free enterprise" employing local capital. Both the woolen mill of 1856-7 and the present Kay mill, most of the canneries, the paper mill, the linen mills, the paper converting company were formed and financed largely by local people. Outside capital largely developed the water, gas, electric and street railway systems—the others and many who have fallen by the wayside were definitely local.

In the old Salem, city ordinances forbade anyone to keep more than five pounds of gunpowder in his house. No horses, mules, swine, cattle, sheep were permitted to run at large, except milk cows. Property owners had to build sidewalks, laying planks 2"x10"x6" on timbers 3"x4" and nailed with 40 penny nails.

Changes have come to the city and will continue to come. Its history is like the fabric of a continuously-running loom whose yarns are changed from time to time, whose colors and patterns shift, but still the product is cloth of good quality.

The comment which appears in the 1872 city directory still seems valid:

"Thus from year to year Salem increased in population and it is no exaggeration to say that the educational facilities of Salem with the well established reputation of the place for good morals and business enterprise made the place attractive for all good citizens who desired to make money or enjoy good society and a quiet home."

Salem is still attractive and promises to continue so.

CAMPERS RECOGNIZED

Outstanding campers at the Salem YMCA's older boys' camp in the Silver Creek recreational area, were recognized Sunday with the presentation of "ragger" neckerchiefs. Ray Myers won a brown ragger for three years' camping. Green ragers, for two years, were awarded to Larry Wickizer, Bob O'Neil, Don Bliscke and Marlin Nelson.

Births

KENNEDY — To Mr. and Mrs. William J. Kennedy, route 7, Salem, a daughter, Monday, June 30, at Salem General hospital.

FLECH — To Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Flech, 2425 Adams st., a son, Monday, June 30, at Salem General hospital.

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ROBERTS — To Mr. and Mrs. Charles Roberts, 330 Park ave., a daughter, Sunday, June 29, at Salem Deaconess hospital.

VICK — To Mr. and Mrs. Roy L. Vick, 1025 E. Rural st., a son, Sunday, June 30, at Salem Deaconess hospital.

PERKINS — To Mr. and Mrs. Wilford Perkins, 1415 N. 4th st., a daughter, Sunday, June 29, at Salem Deaconess hospital.

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Editorial Comment

FROM OUR CONTEMPORARIES

WE HOPE THEY ARE OURS

We do not know what Kenneth Arnold saw between Mt. Adams and Mt. Rainier but he certainly saw something and we hope they were American military planes or guided missiles.

Admiral Halsey, in his interesting story in the Saturday Evening Post, says that between the two world wars the United States made the grand mistake of assuming there were predatory powers and that all was sweetness and light.

This good world has never been all sweetness and light. Primitive man had to fight for existence against dangerous animals. He had to set up tribal protection or we would have had no civilization. Brigands always try to steal, kill and rape if the bars are down. They did that even in peaceful Boston when the policemen went on strike.

The only way to make sure of world peace is by the peace enforcement route and America must help the cause along because this is the only country capable of taking the lead. Furthermore we have more to lose than any other country should there be a breakdown.

Our government needs whatever it takes to make the nation secure and the necessity of up to date air strength is plain.—(Pendleton East Oregonian.)

DOG DAYS IN BRITAIN

We are touched by a report that the Buckinghamshire County Council has passed a by-law forbidding dogs to bark at night. Will the British bulldog take this lying down? If it is one thing to ask him to surrender the right to bite, but we expect a howl of protest to greet this tyrannical prohibition of such a harmless lark as a bark in the dark.

Personally, we have always thought it would be great fun to be able to bay at the moon. And there is a certain shivery pleasure in hearing night's loneliness both broken and accentuated by the staccato indignation or eloquent Weltschmerz of a properly distant canine chorus. The Spanish poet Lorca summed it up in his haunting line: "Night was an horizon of barking dogs."

It used to be said of many a dog that his bark was worse than his bite. But this very fact has been the reason for the traditional British habit of leaving unmuzzled all the agitators and crackpots who wanted to mount soap boxes in Hyde Park and harangue an audience of good-natured hecklers. Can it be that the County Council of "leafy Bucks" is reversing this attitude of genial tolerance because it feels that the country is going to the dogs?—(Christian Science Monitor.)

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Lester Harpole, Mt. Angel, violation of plumbing code, case compromised.

Juanita Moe, Independence, parking in restricted area, \$250 fine suspended on payment of court costs.

Virgil Gardner, 228 N. Lancaster dr., charged with larceny of an auto, waived preliminary hearing and held to answer, held in lieu of \$1,000 bail.

CIRCUIT COURT

Marvin Franklin Fredricks vs Elizabeth Anne Fredricks. Decree of divorce restored defendant's maiden name of Elizabeth Anne Luke.

Howard J. Nottell vs Lisa L. Nottell. Defendant's plea of guilty to adultery.

J. O. McGuire and Pearl McGuire vs George H. Flag as public utilities commissioner. Suit to void findings of commissioner in regard to purchase by plaintiffs of the Myrtle Creek Telephone company.

Iola Dornbusch vs Melvin Dornbusch. Decree of divorce awards custody of a minor child to plaintiff plus \$32 per month support money.

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