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Lower Business Earnings

Business hasn't reached the point of profitless prosperity but for the fifth quarter in a row earnings reports show declines when compared with the preceding year. Second-quarter earnings for 325 companies, says the Wall Street Journal, were down 10.8 per cent. Hardest hit were steel, textiles, retailing. Railroads, makers of autos and aircraft showed gains. The textile group drop was 52 per cent and iron and steel 51 per cent. The continued steel strike will affect earnings reports in the third quarter.

Higher taxes are a minor factor in the reduction of earnings. Major factor was a sharp competition and lowered demand. Also profit margins in defense work are narrower than on goods for civilian use.

The termination of the steel strike sets the stage for business recovery this fall. Wages remain at peak levels and unemployment is low. A revival of demand for consumer goods is expected to furnish a better market this fall. The outlook therefore is for improvement in trade and part of this will carry over to business earnings.

Stevenson Not Resigning Now

Governor Stevenson says he has no present plan to resign the governorship of Illinois to campaign for the presidency. We don't think he should be under compulsion to do so. Dewey didn't resign as governor of New York nor did Franklin D. Roosevelt before him. Senators Taft and Kefauver didn't resign as senators while they campaigned for the presidential nomination though it forced them to be absent from the capital a large part of the time in recent months.

Officeholders traditionally have taken time to campaign for reelection or for promotion to another office, and Stevenson is as much entitled to do the same as others. What he will do in all probability is to resign as nominee for reelection. However Jack Garner ran for reelection to congress and for the vice presidency at the same time, in 1932, and was elected to both offices, serving in the latter only however.

No Coal Strike?

It is doubtful if there will be a coal strike. The steel workers ran interference for the miners. The latter will cash in on the gains of the former, and perhaps go them one better. Since a large part of coal production is used in steel-making steel mill managers will not want another shutdown. Stocks above ground are huge, and a closure of the mines for a month or two would not hurt steel, but we predict that there will be a disposition on the part of John L. Lewis and Harry Moses, head of the coal operators' association, to wrap up a package without the agony of a strike. The miners' position is not too strong because consumption has been lagging behind production, and this year there is not the outlook for the big export business in coal there was in the past year.

Let Him Stay in Mexico

It will be quite all right with us if William O'Dwyer and wife stay on in Mexico and establish citizenship there. He likes the country and the Mexicans like him. Certainly his associations back in New York when he was mayor were not very savory.

For him to abuse a press reporter for pub-

lishing the news that he was considering such a change in status did not justify the abuse which O'Dwyer heaped on him after the story was printed. His intemperate personal denunciation of the reporter earns for him the brass ring as a first-class cad.

These are delicious summer days, hot in afternoons, cooler in the evenings. But we'll welcome August with its succession of mornings of "High fog, clearing by noon." And after August the refreshing rains of September. If summer comes, winter isn't far behind.

Unification of military services hasn't resulted in unifying of opinions. Admiral Fechteler, chief of naval operations, on his return from the Orient, says that we are going to get an armistice in Korea "principally because the Communists want it." Next day General Van Fleet, commander of the U.N. forces in Korea told a press conference there seems to be "less chance of an armistice than ever before." Joe Doakes can just take his choice of these opinions from informed persons. The Communists can have an armistice if they want it, if they will agree to let Red army captives say whether they want to go home or not.

The Oregon State Fair is inviting the Fair Queens to Salem for the state fair and a selection of the "Fairest of the Fair." Quite a stunt. Not a bathing beauty selection, we surmise, but one based on performance in household arts as well as in poise and charm. We profess however to take more interest in the announcement that the exhibition of farm machinery will be made at the fair. That is really educational to see the power machines, their hitches, the pumps, the milking machines. We, and many others, have missed this showing the past few years and will welcome the return of the tractors and combines and hay balers.

Non-New Dealer Frank Streeter of the Grants Pass Courier assures his readers that the recent appropriation of \$700,000 for rehabilitation of Savage Rapids dam on the Rogue which supplies water for irrigation of lands around Grants Pass is not a gift but a loan, to be repaid over a 50-year term. He insists it does not come in the class of "Federal payments to farmers for destroying their hogs or for not planting wheat, or even building swimming pools for the Egyptians." In short, the people of Josephine County can still feel virtuous.

Stayton holds its annual festival this week to do tribute to the bean, the snap bean, if you please, which the surrounding Santiam Valley produces in generous abundance. Parades are to be featured each afternoon with a bean hole bean feed on Saturday. Visitors will also enjoy viewing the smooth lawns and gay flowers which adorn Stayton homes.

With all the applications for TV licenses in Portland pouring into the FCC one can't figure out how a distant corporation, Empire Coil company, grabs off a UHF frequency, in quickstep after the freeze was ended. Maybe B Mike can explain its luck.

Governor Stevenson says he will discuss the issues "seriously and soberly." If he does, do you suppose that will give Republicans a chance?

Stepped-Up Allied Bombing in Korea Packs Psychological as Well as Military Punch

By J. M. ROBERTS, JR.

AP News Analyst
Chinese nationalistic sources on Formosa, which maintain liaison with anti-Communist forces on the mainland, reported even before the big raid of July 31 that stepped-up Allied bombing in Korea had a heavy military and psychological impact.

But they don't seem to have had any great impact on the Communist-truce negotiating team at Panmunjom.

The Reds continue to stall around about words in the proposed agreement which were supposed to have been settled long ago. There is no sign of any compromise of the big war prisoner question.

Gen. Van Fleet, commander of the U.N. armies in the field, said there is "less chance for an armistice than ever before."

Some other observers cling to the feeling of the past few weeks that, at least, the Communists might be intending to reach an agreement. But there seemed to be little more for them to go on than was the case a year ago.

The recent disposition to rehash proves the Reds consider even the so-called "agreed" points to be highly tentative.

Van Fleet says they have despoiled their armies so that they can "wait out the war."

Since last November they have been able to avoid large scale fighting and still not retreat from either political or military positions.

Van Fleet repeats that the best way for the Allies to win "is by pressure."

By GENE HANDSAKER

HOLLYWOOD — Couple of young fellows named Norman Lear and Ed Simmons lead lives they describe as worse than hectic.

One 4 a.m. not long ago, for instance, the telephone woke them in the combined office and sleeping quarters where they work late. It was Jerry Lewis, the mad comedian, calling from Chicago. "Hi!" he yelled. "Just thought you'd like to hear from somebody in Chicago!"

Simmons, 32, and Lear, 29, write the Dean Martin-Jerry Lewis radio programs. But their lives away from their typewriters are even madder. "It's a constant contest to top each other," Norman said of his and Ed's relationship with the comics.

Last winter Lewis arranged for the four of them, with their families, to go up to the snow. "Meet me at" — he named a street intersection — "at 7:30 a.m.," he phoned. The writers and their there. A truck awaited them. It carried a load of shaved ice and a note: "Hope you enjoy the snow, Jerry."

Once when the writers were

in New York, Lewis phoned that he would arrive on a certain plane. They flew to Chicago and boarded the eastbound plane on which Jerry was asleep.

"Pardon me," said Lear, shaking him awake, "is this seat taken?" Jerry responded in his usual way when a gag panics him. He fell to the floor, kicking and pounding. The stunt cost Norm and Ed something over \$200, but they considered it worth it.

Lear and Simmons, ex-GIs, got their writing start here. Some special material for Danny Thomas landed them a TV-scripting job in New York. Martin and Lewis liked their stuff and gave them a seven-year contract. Recently the comedians took a page ad in Variety, national "Dear Ed and Norm: This is to tell you publicly how grateful we are for all the wonderful sketches you have written for us." It was probably the only serious note to date in their relationship.

At a party at Jerry's house, all the guests but Norm and Ed brought gifts. Jerry hadn't told them it was a wedding-anniversary surprise for his wife.

To show how crushed they felt at being giftless, they hanged themselves by their neckties from the limb of a tree outside the front door. The startled Lewis discovered that their limp forms were standing safely behind a raised walk. He fell to the ground, kicking and pounding.

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Better English

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2. What is the correct pronunciation of "inchoate"?
3. Which one of these words is misspelled? Supercede, intercede, impede, procedure.
4. What does the word "expedient" (noun) mean?
5. What is a word beginning

with pert that means "obstinacy"?

ANSWERS

1. Say, "I see Mr. Brown almost every day, and I suspect he is rather perplexed." 2. Pronounced in-ko-it, both I's as in in, o as in cone, accent second syllable. 3. Supersede. 4. Suitable means to accomplish an end. "Hard work is an expedient to success." 5. Pertinacity.

The Safety Valve

Literary Guidepost

GRAFT IN KOREA

To the Editor:
I see by yesterday's paper (Reuter's report) that four cabinet members in South Korea have had to quit, due to a \$4,000,000 profiteering scandal.

This particular piece of graft involved selling "relief" supplies to farmers at three to five times the fixed price; though who fixes the prices and who normally gets the profit from such sales is not explained. Perhaps the parliamentary committee which unearthed the scandal dared not go in to this part of it, and, in view of the way Syngman Rhee has coerced its members into continuing his dictatorship in defiance of the constitution, it seems unlikely that the Assembly can have forced his colleagues to resign.

It also seems unlikely that our representatives in Korea were entirely ignorant of what has been going on, and it will be interesting to see whether President Truman will again express himself as shocked in public. Perhaps Ambassador Muccio might find time between fishing trips with Rhee to deprecate this latest little irregularity, and drop a gentle official hint that relief supplies are intended more to help the poor people of Korea than to benefit the politicians and profiteers. But I doubt it. What's a mere four millions among friends? I imagine the State Department will continue as usual doing nothing effective to check Syngman Rhee & Co. until we reach Korea something nearer the two billions (wasn't it?) that we poured so lavishly into the laps of Chiang Kai-shek and his henchmen.

R. I. Lovell, Rt. Salem
P.S. My Manchester Guardian just received tells of the recent secret trial by military courts of members of the South Korean assembly—a procedure officially described in Commons as one which "leaves much to be desired." No comment, I'll bet, from Secretary Acheson.

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GRIN AND BEAR IT

by Lichty



"On the other hand, he's not in shape to be a civilian, either..."

Your Health

By Herman N. Bundesen, M.D.

Swallowed Bone Can Usually Be Located by Use of X-Rays

I am sure that many of my readers have had a fish bone or a chicken bone catch in the throat, or in the tube from the throat to the stomach (esophagus). Careful X-ray methods are helping us locate many of these bones that were formerly hard to find.

The person who swallows a fish bone usually has pain or sticking feeling in the neck. It is very hard for him to swallow, and sometimes impossible. A large amount of saliva may form in the mouth, and the neck is usually tender over the area of the thyroid gland. Swelling develops within a few hours and may prevent the person from eating or swallowing his food as usual.

Sometimes a bone will push through the esophagus, causing a very serious infection inside the body, which may cause death if the condition is not corrected almost immediately. The bone may also infect the esophagus.

Many times a person thinks a bone is stuck in his throat, when actually it has just scratched the throat or esophagus on the way down. However, an X-ray can be taken if he continues to have pain and difficulty in swallowing.

Contrary to former belief, it has recently been shown that almost 75 per cent of fish bones can be seen in this way, if the X-rays are taken carefully. Bones from chicken, and from bass, codfish, flounder, haddock, halibut, red snapper, smelt and white perch are usually easy to see with X-rays. Fresh or smoked salmon and pike are not quite as clear, but in many cases can be observed.

Blue-fish, butter-fish, mackerel, pompano and trout bones are very difficult to see on X-rays. When this type of bone has been swallowed, certain drugs, like barium or bismuth, can be taken to make them show up more clearly.

Sometimes it may be necessary to make a direct examination with a tube called an esophagoscope, in order to determine whether or not a bone is present.

In most cases, a throat specialist can remove the bone easily of not too long a time has passed since it became stuck.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Mrs. N.: My child is three years old and was sick recently with a high fever. At that time she had severe convulsions. Will these recur?

Answer: In most cases, convulsions following fever do not recur unless the fever is allowed to climb to a high level. However, it would be well for you to consult a physician as soon as your child becomes ill so that the development of a high fever can be prevented and any tendency toward convulsions ward off.

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beauty, asked of it what she hadn't the spirit to give them any more than she had given it to her husband, and to cover up their lust, they charged her with adultery.

What more can you want in a wife than virtue and beauty? Much more, declares Joachim, who becomes the unhappiest of husbands for having what all husbands want. This is a very short novel, for our moralist can squeeze all he finds to say in favor of virtue into very little space. But we ourselves can say for virtue, that at least it makes a good naughty book.

Timber Sale Advice Sought

Suggestions for disposition of the 100,000,000 board feet of U. S. Bureau of Land Management timber that will be sold in Salem District during 1953 should be in by Aug. 15.

District Forester Rodney O. Fety issued this reminder Thursday for the fourth year of the annual timber sale plan. After the program is made up, all interested parties are notified in advance of the sale offerings, so they can be ready to bid for purchase. Sales will be at two-month intervals, beginning in February.

Present indications are that approximately 60 per cent of all sales in this district next year will be of salvage timber types—fire-killed, wind thrown and beetle-infested.

No. A21-21
Synopsis of Annual Statement for the year ended December 31, 1951, of the Manufacturers Mutual Fire Insurance Company of Providence, in the State of Rhode Island, made to the Insurance Commissioner of the State of Oregon, pursuant to law:

ADMITTED ASSETS
Bonds, \$42,973,352.42
Stocks, \$22,554,236.11
Mortgage loans on real estate, none.
Real estate, none.
Cash and bank deposits, \$2,738,112.77.
Agents' balances or uncollected premiums deposited, \$2,422,538.09.
Interest, dividends and real estate income due and accrued, \$132,811.88.
Other assets, \$537,359.00.
Total admitted assets, \$71,658,410.28.
LIABILITIES, SURPLUS AND OTHER FUNDS
Losses, \$2,951,822.45.
Loss adjustment expenses, \$90,903.89.
Unearned premium deposit, \$31,327.79.
Total, \$3,174,054.13.
All other liabilities, \$919,012.99.
Total liabilities, except capital, \$35,260,606.25.
Capital paid up, none.
Special surplus funds, none.
Assigned funds (surplus), \$36,388,804.01.
Surplus as regards policyholders, \$36,388,804.01.
Total, \$71,658,410.28.

STATEMENT OF INCOME

Premium deposit earned, \$24,006,021.07.
Losses incurred, \$4,216,232.65.
Loss expenses incurred, \$113,074.58.
Other underwriting expenses incurred, \$2,957,317.23.
Total underwriting deductions, \$7,186,624.46.
Net underwriting gain, \$18,719,396.63.
Investment income, \$1,877,858.82.
Other income, \$150.62.
Total, before federal income taxes, \$18,597,406.07.
Federal income taxes incurred, \$504,406.27.
Net income, \$18,092,999.80.
Dividends to stockholders, none.
Unabsorbed premium deposit, minus \$18,582,450.41.
Capital charges (net), none.
Other items affecting surplus (net), minus \$14,050,799.94.
Increase in surplus as regards policyholders, \$4,042,199.89.
BUSINESS IN OREGON
FOR THE YEAR
Net premiums received, \$128,841.35.
Net losses paid, \$2,944.05.
Dividends paid or credited to policyholders, \$84,036.69.
Based on actual market value December 31, 1951, surplus as regards policyholders \$34,749,250.07.

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