

# Another Boom Year of Spending Seen By Economists in Look at Prosperity

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New York—(U.P.)—Economists took a long look at the state of the nation's prosperity with the beginning of the second half of 1956 last week and decided the public might spend itself into another boom year—with some reservations.

"As long as the public has money in its pocket it will probably spend it," said Secretary of Commerce Sinclair Weeks.

He put this at the top of a list of optimistic indications for the economy in the final half of the year, for employers were pouring record salaries, bonuses and commissions into the pockets of their employees. Employment approached record levels. Dividend payments to a growing number of stockholders topped all other half-years by a considerable margin.

**Some Gloom Included**  
But in the bright outlook for the second half of the year there was some gloom. And most of it centered on the spending habits of the American public.

Men with money in their pockets were shying at buying automobiles and TV sets, because they were either well supplied with these products or

were waiting for newer models. And they were buying fewer homes because mortgage money was tight.

Other factors holding 1956's economy in some restraint were the high cost of living, a reduction in the demand for new farm machinery, and the unknown influence that the steel strike might exert if it continues for a long time.

**Brightest Reports**  
The brightest reports came from government sources anxious for high business activity during this election year. But on most points their reports were backed up by industrial, business and financial sources.

They predicted industries and individuals would buy \$405,000,000,000 worth of goods and services this year, which would make 1956 a more successful business year than 1955 when the figure was \$382,200,000,000.

Another boom year prediction came from industries and businesses who expected to spend \$35,000,000,000 to expand and grow and meet the demand for more products.

Individual reports that indicated more prosperity for more people came from scores of sources.

Dividends for the half year just ended rose to \$4,900,000,000—12 per cent above the same period of 1955.

Americans were setting travel records both in the United States and abroad.

**Foreign Trade**  
Foreign trade headed for a record year, with the total value of exports 15 per cent above last year and imports 17 per cent higher than 1955, according to reports for the first four months of 1956.

The construction industry predicted the demand for new fac-

ories, offices, stores and warehouses would boost its business to \$44,500,000,000 before the year is out, an increase of \$1,600,000,000 over last year.

Highway building contractors said they signed \$1,500,000,000 in new contracts in the first six months of this year—enough to keep them busy for years to come.

The textile industry reported recent greater demand which will prove their generally cloudy future for the remainder of the year.

These and numerous other factors led 11 business executives to report recently in Chicago that "the book of the last few years will carry through the close of 1956—with some declines."

The year, generally speaking, will be good for business and good for the American standard of living, they predicted.

## Cook Enthusiasts Tied on TV Quiz

New York—(U.P.)—Marine Corps Capt. Richard McCutchen and chef Joseph Amblard tied for the \$8000 prize on "The \$64,000 Challenge" television show Sunday night.

McCutchen, winner of the top money on "The \$64,000 Question," was challenged by Amblard two weeks ago for the title of champion in the show's food and cooking category.

Both correctly answered a question in which they had to pick from 10 types of Italian pasta the particular kind used in four designated dishes, then describe the dishes themselves.

Miss Ethne Chesterman of New York lost her title as ancient history expert to Andrew Nass, New Bedford, Mass., fisherman. The 15-year-old high school girl was unable to name the emperor who was the brother of Pulcheria.

The correct answer is Theodosius II. Nass took the title and \$4000.

McCutchen and Amblard will try or \$16,000 next Sunday.

## Mt. Hood Scanned For Missing Woman

Hood River—(U.P.)—Mountain men aided by an airplane searched the rugged Mt. Hood area today for Alier Nielsen, 25, Salem, who had been left halfway between Cloud Cap Inn and the summit after she became ill.

Miss Nielsen apparently was feeling fine when her party set out from Cloud Cap Inn for the summit shortly after Saturday midnight. Her companions said that after three hours of hiking she complained of feeling ill.

A member of the party of three said he instructed her to stay where she was but told her that if she had to get back to stick to the trail.

Two hours later, after the other hikers had been turned back by soft snow as they approached the summit, they rechecked the area where they had left Miss Nielsen near Cooper Spur.

When no trace of the missing

woman was found, the sheriff's office at Hood River and others were pressed into the search. A plane apparently picked up her trail about 4 p.m. yesterday. It directed the ground search parties along her route until her foot marks became lost in a rock bottom canyon out of the snow belt.

The sheriff's office at Hood River said the search was renewed early today, with the plane again seeking to find a lead for the ground searchers, from Hood River and Salem.

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## Girl Who Lived Nine Days in Auto Wreck Improving

Salt Lake City—(U.P.)—Jean Margetts, the girl who lay nine days amid brambles under a smashed auto, entered her ninth day of convalescence today in a hospital bed surrounded with flowers.

Salt Lake City's two daily newspapers, the Deseret News and Salt Lake Telegram and the Salt Lake Tribune reported a flood of letters and money contributions to cheer the spunky girl and help to finance the long vacation she will need on recovery.

**Improvement Continues**  
Doctors said the 18-year-old Sunnyvale, Calif., girl "continues to improve with definite progress" over previous reports.

Bulletins issued by the physicians have noted Miss Margetts asked what hospital she is in—she is in Latter-day-Saints hospital here—but not why she is there. They said she has complained of "general pain" but has made no mention of what is was like to spend nine days unable to pull herself from under the car that plunged off a Wasatch Mountain summit June 24.

**News Conference Planned**  
Miss Margetts was found alive and her fiance dead the night of July 3. The young man whom she was to have married next year, James B. Hixon Jr., 22, Salt Lake City, was lying some 15 feet from the car which took his life.

Meanwhile, doctors who said earlier they couldn't explain how the girl survived announced they would hold their first press conference later today to tell about their treatment of the remarkable case.

## Criminologist's Son Held in Ax Slaying

Elko, Nev.—(U.P.)—Authorities today held the young adopted son of a nationally prominent criminologist in connection with the pick-ax slaying of a Baltimore tourist.

The victim, Paul Brooks, about 45, was found in a downtown alley in nearby Wells Saturday night with a six-inch deep wound behind his ear. Dist. Atty. Grant Sawyer said David Clark Sellers, 22, was found near the scene, a bloody pick-ax at his feet.

Sellers is the adopted son of J. Clark Sellers, handwriting expert whose testimony helped convict Bruno Hauptmann of the Lindbergh kidnaping, Arizona trunk murderer Winnie Ruth Judd and California liquor boss Arthur Samish.

He was a student last year at Utah State Agricultural College, Logan, Utah, and was working in Twin Falls, Idaho, until coming to Wells for ranch work.

Sawyer said apparent motive for the crime was robbery. The victim reportedly was carrying about \$80.

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DEL MONTE	<b>PINEAPPLE CHUNKS</b>	12 oz. can	<b>2 for 35¢</b>
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