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EIGHTY-FIFTH YEAR

NEWS of the WEEK

FAMOUS EDITOR BURIED

New York City—Leaders in every walk of life attended the funeral services of Arthur Brisbane, high-aided newspaperman in the world, whose remains were buried at his country estate at Katonah, N. Y.

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GOVERNOR STUDIES

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INSIDERS OWN INDUSTRIES

Washington, D. C.—For the first time, the Securities Exchange Commission made public an ownership analysis of 1,738 corporations listed on the nation's stock exchanges. The analysis shows that 21 per cent of the securities are held by "insiders," including the principal stockholders, directors, officers, and employees.

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OPTIMISTIC OUTLOOK FOR 1937

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MIDNIGHT SHOW NEW YEAR'S EVE

"Born to Dance" Will Feature Special Show at the Avon Theatre

The line forms to the right, when "Born to Dance" opens its engagement with a midnight show New Year's Eve at the Avon Theatre. The show will get under way at 11:30 and a good time is guaranteed to all.

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State to Issue Operator's Licenses for 3-Year Period

Albany, Dec. 30—An important announcement relative to all original operator's licenses was issued today by Charles A. Harwood, Motor Vehicle Commissioner.

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SAFETY MEETING AT SHEFFIELD PLANT

Prevention of Accidents is Stressed at Meeting of Boonville Workers

The prevention of accidents and what to do in case of an accident were explained and discussed at a meeting of the Safety League comprising employees of the local Sheffield Glass plant. There were 45 present at the meeting held Monday evening at the plant. Manager Erwin Harrgrave presided.

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Funeral Services for George Oberrier

The funeral of George M. Oberrier was held Thursday with a prayer service from his late home, followed by a solemn requiem high mass at St. Joseph's Church. The Rev. Thomas McNeill was celebrant with the Rev. James Slowsky as deacon and the Rev. B. A. O'Connell as sub-deacon.

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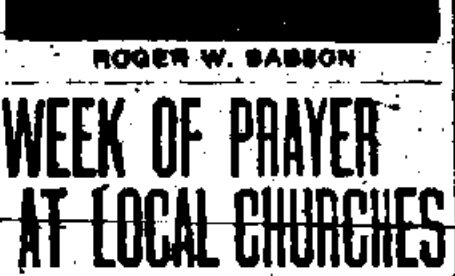
Babson Predicts Year of Real Prosperity in 1937

Noted Business Prophet Sees Business Expansion Ahead
Rising Prices and Living Costs—Considerable Real Estate Activity

By ROGER W. BABSON

Babson Park, Mass., Jan. 1, 1937—I predict that 1937 will be our first year of real prosperity since 1929! It will be a year of genuine business expansion, considerable real estate activity, constant labor troubles, shortages of skilled workers, rising prices and living costs, and brisk retail trade.

Nearly every line will enjoy good gains in both volume and profits with the heavy industries showing the greatest percentage improvement. Tack this forecast away for a check-up next December and I predict that you will find general business around a per cent above today's figures and not far from the 1929 peak!



WEEK OF PRAYER AT LOCAL CHURCHES

Special Union Services Are Planned During Week Beginning January 4

Union services are being held in the community in prayer for the coming year, beginning Monday, January 4.

Monday evening, Jan. 4—At the Presbyterian church, speaker, the Rev. Kenneth L. Higgins.

Tuesday evening, Jan. 5—At the Christian Alliance church, speaker, the Rev. Arthur T. Carr.

Wednesday evening, Jan. 6—At the Baptist church, speaker, the Rev. William Eddy.

Thursday evening, Jan. 7—At the Methodist church, speaker, the Rev. Arthur Charley.

The services close evening begin at 7:30.

Frances Seiter Named Manager of Grand Union Store

Miss Frances Seiter has been named manager of the Grand Union store at the local Scotch street store of the Grand Union Company. She succeeds Charles Fickbom, who has been compelled to give up his work due to ill health.

Miss Seiter, it is understood, becomes the only woman to serve as a store manager in the Grand Union system and her promotion is high recognition of her ability. She has been with the Grand Union Company as clerk in the store managed by John Sheppard on Main street for the past nine years, where she has made many friends by her courteous and efficient work.

The best wishes of many are extended to Miss Seiter for success in her new position as manager.

Important Meeting of Townsend Club This Week Friday

The regular meeting of the Townsend Club will be held this week Friday evening at 8 o'clock at Gill & Cavanagh Hall. All members are requested to be present as important news of interest to all Townsend members will be revealed at this time.

Each member is requested to bring four sandwiches as there will be a social time after the meeting. Coffee will be served.

It is announced that great success has been made in the circulation of Townsend National Recovery Plan petitions in this vicinity, approximately 1,000 signatures being obtained within a very few days. These have been forwarded to the National Board at Chicago from where they will be sent on to Washington and later be presented to Congress.

Parties Held for Miss Joyce Hobart

Mrs. Eric Palmros entertained a few friends at bridge Monday afternoon in honor of her guest, Miss Joyce Hobart, of New York. Prizes for high score were awarded to Miss Hobart and Mrs. A. F. Seiter; for low score, Mrs. Garry A. Willard and Mrs. James P. Prime.

Miss Jeannette Seiter entertained at a party Tuesday evening in honor of Miss Hobart.

Miss Jessie Layne won the prize for high score and Miss Hobart was presented with the guest prize.

Thumb-Nail Sketch of Roger W. Babson's 1937 Outlook

BUSINESS:	Eight Per Cent Gain for Year
CONGRESS:	Will Not Be Harmful to Business
REAL ESTATE:	Sharp Improvement—Rents Higher
BUILDING:	Boom in New Homes Year's Feature
STRIKES:	Possibility of Grave Labor Troubles
LABOR:	Higher Wages and More Jobs
FARM PRICES:	Spotty—Total Farm Income Higher
LIVING COSTS:	Clothing to Lead Sharp Advance
RETAIL TRADE:	Big Year—Best Since 1929
ADVERTISING:	Boost Quotas Ten to Twenty Per Cent
STOCKS:	Higher But Good Selection Vital
BONDS:	At Calling—Watch Money Policy
FOREIGN:	No European War in 1937
SUMMARY:	First Year of Prosperity Since 1929

BUSINESS AT NORMAL

A year ago at this time my forecast, "By Last Christmas general business, as measured by the Babsonchart, should be nearing the 'X-Y' Normal Line and heading into another period of prosperity." Statistically that is exactly where business is today. We are right square on normal!

For the first time in fourteen years, we are crossing the "X-Y" Normal Line on the way into a new prosperity era. A moment's retrospect shows the tremendous distance that we have covered since we touched bottom in March, 1923. The total gain in business has been 73 per cent! Nearly a third of this rise has come during 1936 alone.

BOONVILLE HAS HAD 40 MAYORS

The year just closed has been a remarkable one in many ways. While it is generally believed that elections do not change the basic course of business, 1936 has proved that they do. The tide of recovery was running as strong in 1935, however, that it swept over every obstacle and washed out the old year like a burst of glory.

There are scarcely any figures on record that can match 1936's steady gains in jobs, payrolls, industrial activity, profits and dividends. Topping off the year was a real post-election boom. Wave after wave of wage boosts and bonuses and dividend increases and extra-early Christmas trade took to old-time levels.

Eight Per Cent Gain for 1937

The momentum picked up by this surge of buying will carry into the New Year. Business in 1937 will be better. My estimate is for a 10 per cent gain in the first six months over the initial half of 1936. It is harder to say about the second half, but I think a 5 per cent gain over the closing months of the old year is within reason.

- ### Names of Those Who Have Served Village Since Incorporation
- Since the incorporation of the village of Boonville nearly 30 years ago, the community has been served by 43 mayors, according to information supplied. The Herold a few days ago. Looking over the names of ex-mayors or presidents as they were formerly known, only two are living. They are Clark A. Layne, local business man, and Donald H. Douglas, now of Carthage.
- The names of the village presidents and mayors from the time of incorporation in 1866 and their terms of office follow:
- 1866—William Higby
 - 1867—Charles N. Bass
 - 1868—Lewis Holdridge
 - 1869—William F. Owens
 - 1870—James Hyland
 - 1871—Thomas N. Manchester
 - 1872—Thomas Hamber
 - 1873—Archibald Bamber
 - 1874—Job W. Piske
 - 1875—Charles N. Bass
 - 1876—Chauncey W. Culpin
 - 1877—J. R. Tharratt
 - 1878—Walter Ballou
 - 1879—J. P. Manchester
 - 1880—Walter Booth
 - 1881—William F. Owens
 - 1882—Joseph R. Tharratt
 - 1883—Henry W. Bentley
 - 1884—Ephraim Owens
 - 1885—Henry Melusky
 - 1886—William Cusumock
 - 1887—W. Ray Tanner
 - 1888—Robert H. Roberts
 - 1889—Charles F. Rice
 - 1890—David Karlen
 - 1891—George M. Sawyer
 - 1892—Walter Ballou
 - 1893—James H. Capron
 - 1894—Henry W. Bentley
 - 1895—John Healy
 - 1896—Eggar Hughes
 - 1897—Jerry Buckley
 - 1898—Frank W. Smith
 - 1899—Dr. G. P. English
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 - 1901—Henry W. Bentley
 - 1902—Homer G. Rea
 - 1903—G. O. Bridgman
 - 1904—Lincoln Perry
 - 1905—P. A. Barrett
 - 1906—Dr. J. B. Douglass
 - 1907—H. B. Balknap
 - 1908—George B. Noble
 - 1909—Peter Rauscher
 - 1910—C. L. Woolley
 - 1911—C. A. Layne
 - 1912—William Baker
 - 1913—D. H. Douglas
 - 1914—Joseph A. Sternberg

Labor Holds Whip-Hand

It is seldom that there is so "unlucky" a year as an exception. This year was no "but" to say balance. Today, however, there is one major question in my mind—the labor problem. If this issue is not handled properly, business could receive a very rude setback. Workers are in the most strategic position today they have ever held.

Labor leaders can tie the property in a knot if they call a general walk-out if they can give prosperity a boost if they keep their heads. Do not wonder that I am so doubtful in predicting a grave national labor dispute, even though some current situations do look threatening and even though there will be a big increase in the number of strikes. I merely say that if labor leaders try to push tonnage and raise in their demands for higher pay and shorter hours, we are in for serious trouble.

Four New Factors

There are four new factors in the picture today which give labor much a stronger hold on industry. First, in the tremendous gain in industrial production and profits. Second, in the steady rise in living costs.

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