

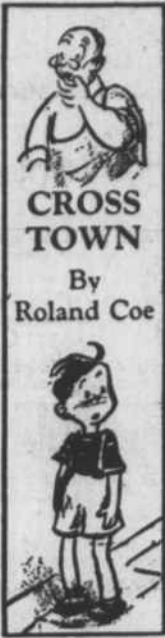


BOBBY SOX

By Marty Links



"Give me until next recess to think it over, Alvin. After all, getting engaged is an important step!"



CROSS TOWN

By Roland Coe



"You can take the basket off now, Gertrude—we're past it!"

NANCY

By Ernie Bushmiller



MUTT AND JEFF

By Bud Fisher



LITTLE REGGY

By Margarita



JITTER

By Arthur Pointer



REG'LAR FELLERS

By Gene Byrnes



VIRGIL

By Len Kleis



SILENT SAM

By Jeff Hayes



DO YOU BELIEVE IT?

Others Do Believe 1946 Superstitions

Many are the superstitions that still thrive in the United States. Among the things you may or may not do on New Year's Day and the penalty or profit you will receive, according to existing superstitions, are:

Making a wish will bring bad luck.

Have something good cooked, and you will never lack for something to eat during the year.

Cook white beans and you will not be broke during the year.

Eat cabbage and you will have plenty to eat all year.

Have a head of cabbage in the house and you will be successful during the year.

Eat fish and have luck for the coming year.

Leave your house to call, you drive away your luck.

Eat rice and you will have silver all year.

If the first caller is a woman, it is unlucky.

If your house is disorderly, you will have bad luck.

Whatever you do on New Year's Day, you will do every day during the year.

Carry corn in your pocket, and you will never want.

Spend money, and you will always be poor.

Break something, bad luck will follow all year.

Go to church on New Year's Eve, and you will be good all year.

It is unlucky to cut your hair or nails.

It is bad luck to quarrel.

To wash anything, you wash a member of the family away.



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BIG BUSINESS MUST OPEN BOOKS TO PUBLIC

THE INDUSTRIAL organization is entitled to secrecy pertaining to its processes and methods of production. That is a part of our free enterprise system. There is other information regarding the operation of an industry, especially a large one, to which the owners, those whose investments have provided the plants and tools, the workers, and the consumers of its products, the general public, are entitled to access. That information pertains to costs and profits in the production of what we buy. Such information is not the sole property of management, which, in the end, is but the employees of the owners, the stock holders.

With costs and profits known there is a firm foundation on which to base both wages and prices. A foundation which workers must, and the buying public will, recognize. Neither are willing to take merely management's word for these. They want to be shown.

Management cannot afford to be arbitrary on these points as were the railroads more than half a century ago. The railroad's "public be damned" policies brought for them drastic regulatory legislation. The same kind of a policy on the part of industrial management will result in the same kind of legislative treatment.

Senator Knowland's proposal is but a move in that direction. The California senator would open the books of industry to both capital and labor, and that means to the general public as well. It would make earnings the wage basis, with adjustments, upward or downward, at regular intervals. It would make labor a partner in industry.

With that should be coupled such regulatory legislation as is needed to make labor responsible for unjustified strikes, slowdowns and work stoppages. Regulating the partners, capital and management, would not be fair without regulation for that third partner, labor. Through such regulation that silent partner, the consumer, would get fair treatment.

THE AMOUNT of the federal government taxes to be collected in 1946 represents an average of \$286 for each of our 135 million men, women and children. Directly or indirectly each of us will pay approximately our average share. Industry and business may sign the checks, but the amounts thus paid are, and must be, added to the price of the commodities we buy. We, the consumers, pay the tax on production and distribution, though the politicians would have us think we do not. Such are the hidden taxes.

HOW MUCH OF THE MASS value of education lies in the teaching of the three R's, and how much in the frills to which much time and attention is given in our schools?

RECALLS VISIT TO U. S. TYPICAL FAMILY HOME

THE HERBERT HOOVER home on the campus of Stanford university at Palo Alto, Calif., has been presented to the university by former President Hoover as a memorial to the late Mrs. Hoover. The item reporting that gift recalled for me the pleasant visits I had enjoyed in that home as the guest of President and Mrs. Hoover. What a typical American home it was. How livable and inviting with nothing suggesting formality. The "den" of Mr. Hoover was an ideal spot for an after luncheon cigar, an enjoyable, informal, give and take discussion of the state of the nation, past, present and future. On the table in the informal living room lay the family album. Mrs. Hoover displayed the pictures to Mrs. Patterson. Photos of the children at different growing-up stages along with those of cousins, aunts and uncles. It carried me back to days, as a boy in an Iowa parsonage, where the same kind of an album was a family treasure. There were no frills or fancy fixings, no display of wealth, other than a wealth of mind and true Americanism, in that Hoover home. It was genuinely American in every way and will serve as a fitting memorial to one who, in the White House as "first lady," and in her Palo Alto home, so fully typified the best of American womanhood.

THANKS TO THE generosity of congress, the law reducing the tax on profits is effective January 1, 1946. Because of that the haberdasher assures me he will have a full stock of men's furnishings by February 1. Had congress been a bit more considerate and made that effective date December 1, 1945, I would have received as Christmas presents those things so badly needed instead of having to buy them. That would have been a real congressional Santa Claus.

Wanted People's Best Wishes

King Tattus Is Given Credit For Well Wishing at Start of New Year.

Our New Year's Day customs date back to a gentleman who may never have even existed—to the legendary King Tattus and his desire to have people wish him good luck. His subjects gathered branches of vervain in the sacred grove of the goddess of strength, Strenua, and presented them to him on New Year's Day. Kings and common men thought well of the idea and in the old days—before Christmas became established as the gift-giving day—New Year's was marked by an exchange of presents and good wishes. Our ancestors thought drinking to each other's health on New Year's Day a somewhat less than burdensome duty and took to it wholeheartedly. In colonial times, the master of the house brewed his own punch for the occasion and ladled it out himself to those who wished him well.

Boxes and Trays to Decorate the Home

A MEAT tin or a tomato can may be turned into a gay tea caddy with a wooden lid and a Dutch design on the front. An easy-to-follow pattern with actual-size painting patterns for 12 different designs shows you how. Every step from lid making to antique finish is clearly described.



Designs may be adapted for trays and boxes of different sizes. There is a painting guide that any amateur may use and simple recipes for mixing such subtle colors as ashes of roses, moss green and old gold.

A few of the hand-decorated articles made with this pattern are shown here. The cigarette box at the lower left is made from the smallest size fruit can; the trinket box at the right from a salmon can. The ivy design fits a flat cigarette box. The strawberry is for the top of a mayonnaise jar. There is also a Swedish design for a button box and another style of tray for the bird design.

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That Nagging Backache

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