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### The Old Year In Fast Retreat

As the old year draws to a rapid close, it is of little use to worry about what we left undone or even nurse lasting regrets over the things we should not have done. A few hours more and the last chapter in the 1940 volume will have been written and closed and no power on earth can reopen it.

Turning our thoughts to the New Year, we certainly can make it a profitable one if we only face the facts fairly and squarely with a determination to do what is right, to remember our fellowman all year long as a friend and not as a prey that our own individual pleasures and desires might be satisfied.

If we stop to worry over the business forecasts and try to live in the tomorrow before the day is spent, disappointment will be ours without the asking. With a renewed pledge each day to do better during that day, we have nothing to fear. But we must face the facts and cast aside wild speculation in the things that never existed and will never exist if we are to reap the fullness of the 1941 harvest.

Today, scores of Williamston business and professional men extend to all a happy and prosperous New Year. Surely, upon such a foundation of good will and personal interest we, as a people, have little to fear come what may in 1941.

### Speaks For America

President Roosevelt, in his fire-side chat on Sunday night, voiced the sentiment of the American people when he said that every ounce of aid possible would be made available to Great Britain in its death struggle against barbarism.

The President's appeal for a speed-up in armament production is certain to get a definite response from capital and labor and from the people, as a whole. No one can look at the pathetic and appealing pictures and read and hear about the appalling atrocities without clenching his fist against Hitler and his gang.

Mr. Roosevelt holds in common the belief that we are next in line if Britain falls. The greatest way in which we, as individuals, in the struggle now is to keep in touch with the congressmen and senators in Washington and demand that they support every movement to aid England and Greece short of actual war.

### And Thus Endeth Another Book

In strict accordance with God's schedule of the universe and all things therein, another book in the history of years is being folded neatly between the covers of time today. Not a single one of the fleeting minutes can be retrieved and that recorded in the page of history cannot be erased. How much of the dying year would be erased can be measured only in the individual mind. But while we longingly would turn back to remove a smear on this or that page, or even tear out a number of pages, the problem cannot be solved so easily.

Hope lies only in the future. If we would rub out part of that which has been written we can only achieve success by being more careful of our writing in the new year which an all-thoughtful Father is now about to give to a mad world. Many of those ugly thoughts, many of those uncalled-for deeds and many of those unbecoming acts recorded in the 1940 book can be balanced out of existence by those thoughts that approach the noble, by those deeds so badly needed to be done in the name of humanity and by those acts which will live as a joy forever in the individual's memory as well as in the memory of others.

The world is not to be censored for many of its becoming acts, for it has been brought up to seek those things of an uncertain value. As a New Year dawns upon Time's book, surely the world can recognize the error of its ways and hark back to those things that offer peace and happiness. Recognizing its erring ways, this war-torn and weary world is to be and will be censored if it makes no effort to turn back, to recognize the value of and fails to rec-

ognize the high ideals propounded by the Master in Gethsemane more than one thousand and nine hundred and forty years ago. In starting our new book which will certainly be recorded by Time, we could do nothing better than appeal to the Almighty for guidance in His house of worship, and to repeatedly appeal for that Divine guidance with a marked degree of regularity throughout the days of the year.

Instead of condemning those who apparently wrecked the world, let us right here in Martin County help make the world a better place in which to live by turning to the finer and nobler things in life—the things rooted in the teachings of Jesus.

### Inventory Time

It's inventory time again, and the business man is rushing to record each item left in his stock and to evaluate each article. The attention given the stock inventory, while admittedly a good thing and a necessary procedure in business, is characteristic of our look upon life. That we have come to the point where we would gear our happiness to our material holdings is quite evident and widely admitted.

Somehow or other, we should also take an inventory of our inner-beings, to make reasonably sure that we will have a statement of inventory that will give us a working foundation for the New Year. If we have depleted our self-respect, wrecked our moral concepts of life and cheated our fellowman by heaping hasty criticism upon his head, it would seem timely and quite fitting to build up a reserve. The individual possibly knows better how to obtain that objective than any other, but if the world would encourage the individual there would be a different America and a different world ere another year is recorded in the annals of history.

It is quite necessary just now to inventory our outlook on life, to crowd out the mean and undesirable traits and supplant them with a feeling of brotherly love, a sympathetic understanding of the other fellow's problems and a burning desire to so direct our lives that not only us but others also will reap the rich harvest of a God-given life.

### Wheeler Again

#### The Charlotte News.

Senator Burton Wheeler (to whom The News once sent a telegram with nearly a thousand names signed to it, urging that he cease his obstructive tactics and allow immediate passage of the selective service act) is miffed because the President "takes to his bosom all of those who want war and shuns those who are talking peace." The immediate cause of Senator Wheeler's vexation was the release by the White House of a message from 170 prominent persons calling for everything that may be necessary to defeat the Axis powers.

"The White House," said the Senator from Montana petulantly, "never gives out any statement of any group that urges that it do anything it can to bring about peace."

When the White House passes along a statement without adverse comment, it is equivalent to an endorsement. For it to obtain wider publicity for such statements as Senator Wheeler has in mind would be, practically, for it to indicate at least tacit approval. And that would be a piece of typically democratic foolishness.

What Senator Wheeler seems not to realize is that the Administration is completely absorbed in the effort to provide Britain with the sinews of war as fast as they can be turned out by this country's industrial machine. What he seems not to have understood, an understanding that is instinctive with the great body of people in this country, is that the defense of Britain is precisely the defense of America, and that it calls almost for the same sacrifice and the overriding of any contrary opinion and the suppression of obstructionists as would be called for were this country actually at war.

Indeed, the best assurance against our having to go to war is that very course of helping Britain with all our might, unstinted.

The Constitution stipulates that treason shall consist only in giving aid and comfort to the enemies of the United States, which term supposes a state of war. But there were no Blitzkriegs in the days when the Constitution was written. Nowadays, anybody who opposes full preparation for the United States and full assistance to its true Ally comes close to committing—well, it is a hard word and we shall not utter.

### Day Triumphant

#### The Charlotte News.

As days go it was miserable from an atmospheric standpoint. The air was soaked with moisture as the ground underfoot was sloshy with it. Never a ray of sunshine suggested that, behind that gray wall of insulation, the great ball was flaming as usual, and would in time manage to filter through its light and warmth.

But, ah, masters, as days go there is not such another day as Christmas. And the greatness of it was never more clearly manifested than on yesterday, for not even soggy clouds and red mud and a pervasive cheerlessness could overcome the happiness that Christmas engenders in all people.

In the households of this city and this land yesterday there was love and good fellowship and light-heartedness. And so the day came and went to the expression of these emotions, and joy again reigned over the lords of darkness and dismay.



### OUR DEMOCRACY

#### CITY AND FARM



**CITY AND COUNTRY ARE BUDDIES, IN AND OUT OF UNIFORM—FARM AND RANCH—STORE AND FACTORY—UNLESS EACH WERE ABLE TO BUY THE OTHER'S FOOD OR GOODS, WE'D GO BACK TO THE DARK AGES.**

**CITY AND FARM DWELLERS ALSO HAVE A POCKETBOOK INTEREST IN EACH OTHER'S SUCCESS AND WELFARE. THEY HAVE BANK DEPOSITS AND INSURANCE POLICIES WHICH ARE BACKED BY INVESTMENTS IN THE NATION, INCLUDING THE COUNTRY AS WELL AS THE CITY.**

### Envoy to U. S.



Foreign Secretary Viscount Halifax is Britain's new ambassador to the United States, succeeding the late Lord Lothian. The appointment was seen as an indication that Britain considers the Washington post of equal importance with a cabinet portfolio.

### Beer Industry To "Clean Up" State

Raleigh—Investigators for the beer industry will visit every North Carolina county during 1941 to make certain that retail beer dealers conduct reputable places of business.

Edgar H. Bain, of Goldsboro, state director of the Brewers and North Carolina Beer Distributors committee, announced today that the industry's "clean up or close up" campaign has resulted in the elimination of 136 undesirable beer outlets in 41 counties—109 by revocation, three by surrender of license, and 24 by refusal to re-license.

"A great majority of beer dealers conduct reputable places of business," Colonel Bain said, "but there is a minority which disregards the law and public decency. Our campaign is directed at these scattered outlets. During 1941, our field representatives will check on these outlets and when necessary, we will request the local authorities to revoke their licenses."

### New Year's Day Saw History Made

New Year's day may not seem very momentous to us, but in the past it has seen history made. It saw the unfurling of the first American flag by George Washington, and the emancipation of Negro slaves.

Following is a list of important events that took place on New Year's day:

- January 1
  - 38 B.C. The era of the Caesars began.
  - 1349 A.D. Edward III, king of England, defeated the French before Calais with great slaughter.
  - 1735 Paul Revere born.
  - 1757 Calcutta, India, captured by the British.
  - 1776 First Union flag of 13 stripes unfurled by George Washington.
  - 1792 Kentucky entered the Union.
  - 1801 Union of Ireland with Britain.
  - 1814 American dragoons attacked the British who had seized Buffalo, N. Y.
  - 1815 Gen. Jackson repelled British when they attacked New Orleans.
  - 1825 Great Britain acknowledged independence of South American republics.
  - 1863 Emancipation of Negro slaves went into effect by proclamation of President Abraham Lincoln.
  - 1907 Pure food law put into effect.
  - 1913 Parcel post system inaugurated.
  - 1919 New Year's day declared a legal holiday throughout the country except in Massachusetts and Washington, D. C.
- Farmers of the United States are now passing up every year \$150,000,000 of income that could be realized through better management of farm woods, says the U. S. Forest Service.
- Low prices and limited export outlets for coffee and oranges has led to increased cotton planting in Southern Brazil, the increase expected to run between 10 and 15 per cent.
- During the past year, Bain said, more than 1,000 retail outlets in 84 counties were inspected. He emphasized that the "clean up" campaign will be carried to all counties in 1941.

### THE LETTER-BOX

To the citizens of Williamston, Mayor Hassell and G. H. Harrison: I want to thank each of you for your nice letters and those kind spoken words congratulating me on my decorations and the general appearance of my store during the holidays. These expressions from you are greatly appreciated.

For the last few days I feel that I have been recognized among you as a citizen. Coming down from that thriving little village, Hamilton, located near the banks of the Roanoke, on May 22, 1926, to enter business, I can say my success has been from dealing squarely with my fellowmen. As to my business transactions, I have no regrets or apologies to offer to my fellowman and my conscience is clear and this makes me feel good.

As to my decorations and especially the pictures pertaining to defense, I base their birth on two things: First, considering the war-torn world of today; second, I often think of those few words spoken by that distinguished and outstanding philosopher and humorist, Will Rogers. As an actor and a man we all liked him. He hated no man and the nation mourned his passing. Often, he said, "All I know is what I read in the newspapers."

So, putting these two ideas together, these pictures were born as it must be taken from the comment I have been receiving. Getting back to the first idea, in my opinion, we in America are headed for some unknown destination, the end we know not where. But you and I will hope for the best.

So, in closing, all the nice compliments and congratulations received in person will be sealed in my memory. Those received in person or by letter will be recorded in my possession and honored as a prize and a token of a good deed well done. Thanks, all of you.  
P. P. PEEL.

**Old New Year Customs Survive In Scotland**

In Scotland, New Year's day is said to transcend Christmas as the most important festival of the year. Many old customs still are preserved and widely followed. "First footing" is a midnight custom of New Year's eve. The person who first, after the stroke of the new year, sets foot inside the house of a friend remains the guest throughout the day and is a privileged friend throughout the year.

**NOTICE OF SALE**

Notice is hereby given that under and by virtue of the power and authority contained in that certain Deed of Trust executed by D. A. Roebuck and wife, Ha Mae Roebuck, to the undersigned Trustee, bearing date October 22, 1937, and recorded in the Public Registry of Martin County in Book T-3, at page 247, default have been made in the payment of the notes and indebtedness for which the same was given as security, and the terms and the conditions thereof not having been complied with, and at the request of the holder of the said notes, the undersigned Trustee will on Saturday, the 1st day of February, 1941, at twelve (12) o'clock Noon, at the Courthouse door of Martin County, at Williamston, North Carolina, offer for sale, at public auction, to the highest bid-

der, for cash, the following described real estate, to-wit: That certain tract or parcel of land adjoining the lands of W. M. Harrison and others on the Williamston-Hamilton Highway in Poplar Point Township, Martin County, North Carolina, being the same lands devised and bequeathed to the late Mrs. Pattie Biggs Crawford under the last Will and Testament of John D. Biggs, deceased, which is recorded in the office of the Clerk of the Superior Court of Martin County in Will Book No. 4, at page 462, and the same lands described in a Deed recorded in the Public Registry of Martin County in Book O-3, at page 604, containing 77 acres, more or less.

This the 23rd day of December, 1940.

HUGH G. HORTON,  
Trustee.

As loud as we can shout it —  
Happy New Year  
**EDGEWOOD DAIRY**

## After Christmas

**CLEARANCE SALE**

Hundreds of items that must be **Cleared** off the **Shelves** and Racks before inventory have been **Reduced** a fraction of their cost.

Invest Your Christmas Money And Earn Substantial Savings

WILLIAMSTON IN  
**MARGOLIS BROTHERS**  
For SMART Styles