

Resolved: To Keep Resolutions

Here it is January 14, 1944—a brand new year. It is hard to realize that '43 is gone, yet when one thinks back over all the suffering that it brought, one cannot help being glad that the year is over.

Many people begin a new year by taking inventory of themselves and making New Year's Resolutions for self improvement. Perhaps they plan not to be quite so sloppy in appearance or not to be so cross with their friends.

Whatever the nature of New Year's Resolutions, they are all the same—a resolve to be better or do better than in the year before. The motive back of these individual promises is fine, and there is no better time for people to make plans than at the beginning of the year.

But, do we carry out these resolutions? Do they outlive the holiday season or are they made, written down, and then hidden in some desk drawer? Resolutions made and not kept are little better than no resolutions; one promise fulfilled is better than half a dozen promises broken.

Let's not allow the '44 resolutions to be forgotten. Let's remember that this year must be a better year, a year closer to victory and peace.

Until we can,—every one of us, whatever our position or job,—do a little more thinking about our duties and less of our rights; until we get in the way of saying more often again, "I ought" instead of "I want"; until we can restore some of the old-fashioned virtues like honesty and good faith,—in a word, restore some of the discarded ethical code of the past,—I see no chance for real happiness or satisfaction in life for anybody.

—James Truslow Adams

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Reminders for Exams

Less than a week until exams and all of us are feeling the effects already! The traditional slacks and blue jeans even now can be seen dotting the campus, and in another week every one will be concentrating on their "mind twisters."

Some may wonder why we are asked to stay close to campus on Reading Day. Those that have taken exams before realize how much this extra day means. We are fortunate to have this time to study and get our thoughts together before exams start; therefore, we must not be indignant when we cannot go to movie or leave the campus.

Always during exam week we go around with frightened and forlorn looks on our faces. Let's try to be more sensible this year. Of course, exams are always nerve wracking, but the right amount of sleep is sure to make us feel and do better. If we stay healthy, we are certain to be more alert when we go to class.

We all know that Salem's honor system holds during exams as well as other times. Everyone is expected to do her own work, and to do that as best she can.

The teachers realize the strain we are under, and they are anxious to help us. If we feel tired during an exam, we can always rest for a few minutes before continuing. In fairness to ourselves and our teachers, we must be perfectly honest if we do leave the exam room, and only use those few minutes to relax our minds.

This can be the best year yet for exams if we decide to make it that way. Let's all keep our senses and really make our school proud of our grades and our attitudes.

Thanks to Salem Students

Before Christmas the "Y" sponsored a gift campaign for the Winston-Salem Memorial Industrial School. A car load of toys of all kinds was donated in addition to individual gifts for each boy or girl at the school. Below is a letter from Superintendent Garrett expressing his thanks for Salem's contribution to his school's Christmas:

December 14, 1943.

To the student body of Salem College, Care of Dr. Rondthaler Dear Friends:

We wish to thank you very kindly for your most liberal play of Santa Claus for the children of the Memorial Industrial School. On account of your generous gifts, gifts for the children will be more than double that of previous years, and I am sure their joys will be greatly multiplied.

A letter of thanks very inadequately expresses our appreciation of your wonderful Christmas spirit which was exhibited by the large number of valuable gifts. But for the want of a better method, we write and ask that you accept our sincere thanks on behalf of the children, matrons and the Superintendent.

We hope that you may have a joyful Christmas and A Happy New Year.

Very sincerely yours, E. R. Garrett, Superintendent Memorial Industrial School

Don't Quote Me...But--

Things have been happening fast and furious since the blessed holidays desolved into memories. A few have something to show for it... others, well... memories are nice, too—they say. The best one yet—we went dashing into Annette's office and suddenly noticing her ring, immediately raved. After we had done some little justice to the occasion, Annette quietly murmured, "I've had it for three years!" Whew... Feeling foolish is putting it mildly... We felt about as big as a lillyputian; so thus "snuck" back to the D. S. C. to hang our heads and repent... but no one in there knew it either—so help us, they didn't! No one tells us anything... while here let us remind you not to forget the big wedding the nineteenth... (We heard about that) Best wishes, Annette... Congrats, Ed...

Then there was the snow and the usual amount of horseplay trying to make our kind (we sincerely hope) faculty out jump snow balls... Do you know, Mr. Curlee actually ran a few steps... Amazing, isn't it, what a little snow can do? By the way Mr. Curlee, that button was for Good Luck—now why don't you give it back to them?

Poor Pierrettes... We fear "Ladies in Retirement" have retired for good what with exams and no dramatic teacher... But don't give up hope... They haven't!

About those pictures, Mr. Campbell... Uh... It's after Christmas you know... And after all you did have a very profitable Christmas, didn't you? So come across...

The music AP. class is quite busy these days singing little songs to the birch tree... It's lovely, really, writing lyrics for those symphonies that Sigmann Spaeth forgot... The newest discovery—we feel certain that the present singular class can accept the honor—is that "How's Your Love Life?" Was inspired by Brahms first symphony, fourth movement... (Right before "Brahms Marches Forward" if there be skeptics about).

If you have any grievance about the weather see Dr. Willoughby... She brought it all back with her from New York...

To Miss Slattery, may we say thanks for coming and come back again...

Dr. Rondthaler thinks of everything... instead of filling his arms to the overflow with Bible note books he simply put them in a suit case... Thanks to Dr. and Mrs. Rondthaler, for sharing with us your letter from Mr. Kenyon... It was grand hearing from him...

This is a reminder, little French girls, that Sgt. Al Capella is going to speak to you at your next meeting... So you had better be there...

Remember, children, if your heart's in the service, those Valentine greetings should be on the way—Speaking of the service—have your eyes been graced with the sight of Ensign Johnston? You're doing swell, Leila, practically the whole senior class is going to join up after seeing how grand you look. Seriously, though good luck and come to see us again.

Ho hum... Guess we had better resume reviewing... Let's see... The ante-bellum period was the one in which Virgil... No Ovid... Or was it Virgil? Hummmm... Yes it was Virgil... Wrote "The Tragedy of Julius Ceasar"... Enough for one night... We quit!! Do you ever listen to Hildagarde? What has she got? And she Really packs them in...

Le Coin Francais

DES NOUVELLES DE LT. ET MME. DOWNS

"... Lundi passé j'ai eu le plaisir d'assister à l'arrivée d'un vaisseau français dans le port de Charleston. C'est un bateau qui a échappé d'un port français lors de la chute de la France, et qui est allé continuer à se battre dans l'Afrique du Nord. Le Commandant du Vaisseau et tous ses officiers sont très gentils, et vous pouvez imaginer que je passe tout le temps possible avec eux. Demain, par exemple, je vais à bord avec le Commandant. Cet après-midi Madame Downs et moi nous avons promené deux matelots de équipage dans notre auto pour leur montrer la ville de Charleston. Ils sont très aimables et très nignons avec leur petits pompoms rouges sur leurs casquettes. Je dois ajouter qu'ils sont tous d'accord que la France reprendra sa place de gloire dans le monde, et que cette fois-ci elle aura bien appris sa leçon..."

