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rming young daughter of

e corporal is all set to wel-

advent of 1945. Judging

from her attentive look, she is wait-

ing only for the 12 o'clock whistles heralding the arrival of the new

New Year's Day Ante-

dates the Birth of

Christ by 452 Years

elebration of New Years of

ry I began in 452 B. C., and ore, contrary to logical reason-

ancient Roman calendar be

its of which were named Quin

xtills, September, October,

ng of the year and February end. In 452 B. C., February

sladed between January and

thus establishing the order

ir did not correspond to

and December-or, the Seventh, Eighth, Ninth

ths respectively. Nu

and with, the month of

e birth of Christ.

Of Ancient Time;

Established In 1866

Wreaths for Christmas The best material for the large wreaths is white pine, fir, Douglar fir, blue spruce, boxwood, Oregon Hollygrape, English ivy, glossy priv. et, galax, southern evergreen, huckleberry, groundpine, mountain-laur el, American holly and English hol

For the small wreaths the Colo rado Juniper, box, arborvitae and yew can be used to advantage.

Preserve Log

Lombardians also preserve pieces of the Yule log. These are placed in the fires which protect the silk. worms, and are believed to ward of To use for charity. I want no gold to give, I'll spend kind thoughts for Thee. —Rath Richwine Smith. disease which might beset the in

sects.

which Caesar set out to remedy. Happy New Year Caesar's astronomers and calendar experts fixed the calendar year at 365 days-and because they estinated the solar year as of 3651/4

days-an extra day was to be added every fourth year. This Julian calendar was effective, by decree of Caesar, on January 1, 46 B. C.

Actually, the earth goes around the sun in 365 days, 5 hours, 48 minutes, and 46 seconds: and by 1582 XIII remedied the situation by ordering that the calendar play leap frog and the intervening days between October 5 and October 15, 1582, were lost forever.

In order to prevent repetitions of the sun running away from the calendar and vice versa, Pope Gregory decided that a leap year should be omitted now and then: hence only those years divisible by four-ex-

clusive of years numbering the centuries-should have 366 days, and the century-marking years shall be leap years only if divisible by four after the ciphers have been omitted. The Gregorian calendar has been New Year's Eve of the civilized world: however, many creeds and peoples still celebrate their religious and traditional lestivals in accordance with ancient calendars.

Pre-Christian Roman inaugurated the new year by offering sacrifices to the gods, exchanging greetings, and bestowing gifts. During the early Christian centuries, New Year's festivities persisted and became so boisterous that the faithful were forbidden to participate there-

After December 25 had been established as the day of nativity, the church made January 1 a religious festival honoring the circumcision of Jesus: the day being thus observed in the Roman church since 487, and in the Anglican church since 1549.

Bowl Game Feature of

New Year's Since 1916 Since 1916 the Rose Bowl football game has been played annually on New Year's day as a cofeature of hs as of today. The ancient | Pasadena's Tournament of Roses. The championship team of the Paear and by the time the cific Coast conference invites an Julius Caesar rolled around Eastern contender selected from al and calendar equinoxes among the teams which have made

Three Wise Men the best records during the autumn playing, thus making the game one of America's outstanding intercollegiate sporting events.

A Good Resolution One of the New Year resolutions Relics at Cologne

that would mean increase of happiness in many a family is this: Not to speak of mistakes which make Biblically we know very little no difference. How arguing over about the Wise Men who came from nothings mars the home harmone is about the Wise Men who came from the East bearing gifts to the Christ nothings mars the home harmony. A. D., the Julian calendar was 10 An erroneous opinion may need cor- Child and, having adorned Him as days behind the sun. Pope Gregory rection, but what possible difference the King of the Jews, returned to the King of the Jews, returned to does it make whether Aunt Jane their own country. came to dinner Tuesday or Wednes-It is generally accepted that there were three Wise Men because of the Legend continues, that they were day, or whether it rained Friday or hree specifically mentioned gifts: martyred in India for their faith. Saturday hurch tradition has identified these as Melchior, Caspar, and Balthasar: I ferred to Constantinople in the

Everybody Sign

Why not have somebody delegated to draw up a set of good resolutions for us all and just have us sign them?

New Year With Hindus Among the Hindus the first day of the year is celebrated with sacri fice to the god of wisdom.

Festive Occasion For Native Scots

Christmas' never aroused much enthusiasm in Scotland-but on New Year's eve the Wassail bowl goes around, filled with savory liquid, nostalgically fragrant.

Floating atop the Wassail bowl apples stir memories of the "apple howling" when boys switched the trunks of fruit trees petitioning "a good howling crop": somehow, the 'lamb's wool' (as the decoction of the Wassail bowl is often called) seems reminiscent of young folks rushing to the nearest spring at the stroke of 12 to drink the "cream of the well"-the first one so doing, might expect good luck during the ensuing year.

er New Year's, is traditionally the "big Day" for Scotch boys and girls: and, in addition to being the Scotch day of gift-giving, it is a day of feasting and gaiety.

friends gather on New Year's eve to "Drink a cup of kindness yet For Auld Lang Syne."

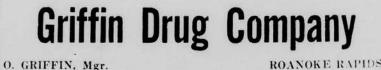
'Let Freedom Ring' 990 As another New Year dawns

with

we are thankful for the American heritage of freedom---thankful, too, for the friends who have helped us gain the manifold blessings of this freedom.

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With this in mind we wish you all a very Happy New Year.





fourth contury-by the Empress Hel-

enshrined at Milan for a while aft-

er the first Crusade. Frederick Bar-

barossa authorized removal of the

relics to Cologne where they remain

to this day deposited within the

PRAYER FOR THE NEW YEAR

magnificent Cathedral of Cologne.

Dear Lord, I ask Thee

For this New Year, An extra gift of courage My little trials to bear.

I ask not for success: For wealth or fame or power

1 ask for added faith To live life, hour by hour. Give me kindly thoughts, Lord,

ena,

mother of Constantine-were

Melchior, king of Arabia, brought a

sus, brought myrrh; and Balthasar,

king of Ethiopia, brought frankin-

cense. These gifts are considered symbolic of what Jesus was to be-

come-gold for a king, frankineense

for a high priest, and myrrh for a

great physician. Collectively, the

Wise Men received the gifts of char-

ity and spiritual wealth, perfect

country, the three Kings reputedly

sold their possessions and went

about preaching the Christ-King.

The bodies of the Wise Men, trans-

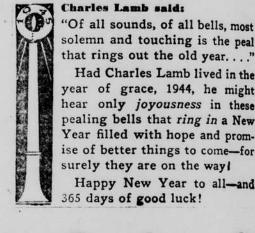
When they returned to their own

faith, truth and meekness.

liberty the theme...

HAPPY NEW YEAR

casket of gold; Caspar, king of Tar-



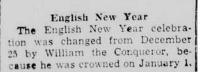
solemn and touching is the peal that rings out the old year. . . ." Had Charles Lamb lived in the year of grace, 1944, he might hear only joyousness in these pealing bells that ring in a New Year filled with hope and promise of better things to come-for surely they are on the way! Happy New Year to all-and 365 days of good luck!

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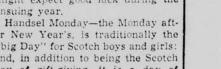


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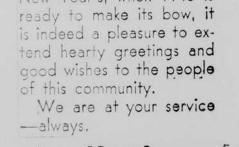
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In this spirit of appreciation it is a genuine joy for us to wish for you a very

Happy New Year

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