

New Year Greeting

I saw the hills of the morning. The form of the new year arise; He stood like a statue adorning The world with a background of skies; There was courage and grace in his beautiful face. And hope in his glorious eyes. "I come from Time's boundless forever," He said, with a voice like a song; "I come as a friend to endeavor, To the sad and afraid I bring promise of aid, And the weak I shall gird and make strong. "I bring you more blessings than terrors, I bring you more sunlight than gloom, I bear out your page of old errors, And hide them away in Time's tomb; I reach you clean hands and lead on

'Open House' on New Year's Day

to the lands. Where the lilies of peace are in bloom." A succession of "open houses" and punch bowls minimized the courtesy accorded hostesses—in many cases—and even resulted in receptions being "crashed" by bibulous young men; these abuses led to the abandonment of the "open house" custom, New Year's calls now being exchanged only by intimates and without any public announcement of intention to receive.

Celebrant



This attractive young Chinese girl adds her bit to the celebration of New Year's eve in New York festivities. The Chinese new year—4641—begins considerably later than our own.

Tell Me an Indian New Year's Story

The ceremonial for the snow has passed, when enemies are forgiven and harsh words forgotten, as a new trail has been blazed for all through the New Year's festivities. The story-telling grandmother has taught the ancient chants and customs through the beads of the strings of historic wampum; but now she again has time to entertain the children.

Gathered around her lodge-fire, they plead for another story with their bright eyes and shrill voices. To satisfy them, she tells an ancient legend about the clouds. "Long moons ago when the world was first made, the sky at wintertime was cloudless much as it is on clear midsummer days. The ground was covered with white snow and the trees, except the pines, stood bare. The cold wind whistled around the bark cabins; and with a cloudless sky, everything above and below looked dreary.

"The children, too, missed the green leaves and changing colors over the landscape and they gave a wish that the sky might have clouds now and then. It is true, dark-gray, fierce-looking clouds came in great masses and covered all the sky and let down snowflakes to amuse the children. But the children also wished for bright clouds and the old bear in the sky heard their wishes. "So the old bear blew his moist breath into the heavy clouds and



Hope for Tomorrow Whatever the past year may have brought, we all look forward hopefully to 1945 as a harbinger of better days to come. It is our hope, too, that in the New Year we will be more than neighbors... that we will become better neighbors. Season's greetings to one and all.

LONGVIEW DAIRY GRADE "A" MILK

Holidays and Special Events of New Year

The year 1945 is not a leap year, so February will again have the usual 28 days. The holidays and special events for the new year will be as follows: Lincoln's birthday, February 12; Washington's birthday, February 22; St. Patrick's day, March 17; Easter, April 1; Mother's day, May 13; Memorial day, May 30; Father's day, June 17; Independence day, July 4; Labor day, September 3; Columbus day, October 12; Armistice day, November 11; Thanksgiving day, November 23; Christmas day, December 25.

Mexican Clock Many Mexican families still observe the "old clock system" on New Year's eve. On a table in a



Wishing you a Happy New Year In so many joyful ways, One that fills your heart with gladness Through a year of happy days.

EDWARDS BEAUTY SHOPPE

WHAT'S ahead? That is the unspoken question in the mind of every thoughtful person. We hope for a much brighter future... look forward to it eagerly. The handwriting is in the sky.

CAROLINA LUNCH WELDON, N. C.



THERE are many paths in life but the path that leads to home is the one we all love best. May 1945 bring to your home a joyous strengthening of home ties and old associations, and a happy gain in the number of those you count as friends. May it bring you more health, more prosperity, more joy of living. This is the sincere New Year wish of

Community Cleaners

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Happy New Year TO ALL The Roanoke News



WELCOME 1945! We greet 1945 with fervor. For a new year, like a new day, unfolds infinite possibilities. May your New Year bring the realization of all your aspirations and hopes, and your holiday be a day of

GOOD CHEER

OVERTON'S JEWELRY GIFT SHOP LEVY OVERTON, Mgr. WELDON, NORTH CAROLINA



ALL aboard for 1945. Let's go! Let's go forward on the road to cherished ideals and coveted goals—farther than ever before. Forward along the road to happiness!

We cannot see what's beyond the bend of the road, or over the crest of the hill, but we ardently hope that it's something mighty good—FOR YOU!

WELDON INSURANCE AGENCY, Inc. STERLING B. PIERCE, Mgr. WELDON, NORTH CAROLINA

'SHOULD AULD ACQUAINTANCE BE FORGOT'



A Happy New Year

THIS New Year's Eve, more so than for many years past, the songs we sing and the merriment we indulge in flow from hearts that are lighter, for we all know now that the future is brighter, and we can look forward to 1945 with the conviction that much better things are in store for us. With many thanks for past favors, and wishing you the full joys of this happy season, believe us to be ever at your service.

ELLIS CLEANERS and LAUNDRY WELDON, NORTH CAROLINA



THE CHINESE pay off all debts on their New Year's Day, even though the wherewithal must be borrowed at ruinous interest rates.

We owe a debt of gratitude to the people of this town—a debt that we can only pay off by giving the finest values and service it is possible to give. This we pledge to do in 1945. And for the immediate present—a VERY HAPPY NEW YEAR to you and yours.

Halifax Waste Materials Company Roanoke Rapids Oil Company Rosemary Glass Company ROANOKE RAPIDS, N. C. J. SPIRE, Mgr.

New Year Greetings To All



As the clock strikes twelve let our hearts reciprocate the sentiment of Tennyson's New Year bells:

Ring out the old, ring in the new, Ring out the false, ring in the true.

May Yours Be a Most Happy and Prosperous New Year

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