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The best answer to Hoover is: Why didn't you?—Tampa Tribune.

"Hell is full of professional reformers," declares a minister. We regret to hear this. We had been hoping there was room for more.—Thomaston (Ga.) Times.

### War Outlook Bad

Readers of this and all newspapers have followed with interest the developments of warlike atmosphere in Europe and are hoping that this country can remain free from European squabbles.

Italy's conquest of Ethiopia is going forward despite the League of Nations and the peace plan drawn up by Great Britain and France proposing to give Italy more than half of Ethiopia proved to be wholly unsatisfactory. These developments stirred the spirit of nationalism in Europe and fanned the flames of desire for war. Observers look upon the situation with much concern.

### Good Work Noticed

While many kicks and counter-kicks about the state highway system are often voiced, and not always without cause, we do not feel that we should pass up saying a good word for the state highway forces about the prompt and efficient way in which snow was removed from the hard-surfaced highways.

Judging by the little traveling we have been doing and by reports from others who have been on the highways more extensively during the past week, the highway forces lost not time in clearing the highways of snow as soon as it had settled on the surface. By doing the job promptly, they were able to do a better job before the snow had been packed into slippery ice by motor vehicles.

Even if it was their duty to get the snow off and get it off quickly, the job was worth noticing because it placed the highways in safe condition for travel and no doubt prevented many accidents.

### New Year Resolutions

On Wednesday of this week we will start another calendar year. What the new year has in store we do not know, but we delight in taking this opportunity to wish one and all a happy and prosperous new year.

As far as time is concerned, the new year is a clean slate upon which each one of us may write just about what we wish during the 366 days of the year 1936. Some may be victims of circumstance over which they have little or no control, but it is within the power of each to take advantage of what opportunities the new year affords and to write on the clean slate of time only those things which are honorable and which will build, rather than tear down, the attributes of character.

Any day or any week is a new opportunity, but New Year's day seems to have added significance because it is a time when we change dates one year. It is a starting point for a new period of time, and as such we think of it as being more significant as a starting point for new endeavors and reforms.

Many do not need to make new resolutions for 1936 because they did not use the ones made for 1935. Others, however, perhaps with more will-power and a more deeply rooted desire to carry out the resolutions they made, realized the ambitions resolved and are ready to take on more conquests in the new year.

Often we have known people to resolve on New Year's Day to quit some habit that they considered detrimental. Some succeeded while others failed after a brief time.

After all, the desire that is accountable to a person who really wants to succeed and sincerely works to that end usually accomplishes his goal, provided it does not aim at the supernatural, which is impossible.

### Fingerprinting Everybody

The movement for the recording of everybody's fingerprints seems to be gaining momentum. In several communities voluntary organizations have been formed to encourage parents to have their children's fingerprints recorded—and, incidentally, their own. Many municipalities now require the fingerprinting of every applicant for a public job. Sometimes, when these fingerprints are sent to Washington for comparison with those of persons of known criminal records, strange discoveries are made. Crooks of varying degrees have thus been detected in their efforts to get on the public payroll in positions of trust.

The largest collection of fingerprints anywhere in the world is in the department of justice in Washington. An even larger file may soon have to be established to identify persons claiming benefits under the new social security act. There does not seem to be any good argument against keeping a fingerprint record for identification purposes. Criminals and their lawyers are about the only serious objectors.

Recently several "missing" men were located by means of their fingerprint records, and the identity of several persons killed in accidents were established by the same means. The department of justice has opened its files to those who wish to place their own fingerprints on record, and the number availing themselves of this privilege is steadily growing.

## BRUCE BARTON Says:

### MRS. PRESIDENT, UNLIKELY

A woman who had obtained a job as co-pilot on an air-mail liner resigned because she could not enter the Pilot's Union and so was not permitted to fly passengers in bad weather. This caused Amelia Earhart to suggest the raising of a fund to "break down the barriers against women in aviation."

Miss Earhart has done much herself to break down such barriers, but it will take a long time to destroy the prejudice inherited through many generations in which men have managed transportation. No woman drove chariots through the streets of Rome or commanded galleons on the Mediterranean. No Indian squaw captained a canoe; no dark-eyed maiden earned a living as a gondolier, and even in modern taxicabs not more than one driver in a thousand is a woman.

These are sad historical facts, but I do not blame the self-reliant maidens of the present from being rebellious toward them. But there is an even sadder fact, which is this—the real despots who keep women out of the top positions are not the men but the women themselves. A leading feminist refused to have a woman doctor when her children were born. "I like women," she said, "and I battle for them. But when I am sick I don't want one fussing around me." Another woman, successful in business, refused an interview to a woman bond salesman. "I work hard for my money," she exclaimed. "Do you think I want to let a woman invest it?" An organization which proposes to elect a woman President of the United States asks me to write in favor of their movement, but I answer that it will do no good. "The men will not put up much of a fight," I say, "but you never will be successful. No woman will be President because the women will vote against her."

For some millions of years wives have turned to husbands in emergencies and cried: "What shall I do?" Some day doubtless this habit will pass away—in just about as many million years as it has taken the habit to be formed. FAITH IS GREATER THAN HOPE "Billy Sunday is dead—but he had something worth more than money or fame or the splendor of kings. If you are a very sophisticated person you may have thought him an emotional clown, but one who knew him ever could doubt that he believed what he preached. He was as sure of the existence of God and of Heaven as he was of his own presence on earth. Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, Moses and St. Peter were as real to him in their angelic robes as were the people who appeared physically before his eyes. He was sure also of his own salvation; he knew he would go to Heaven.

Compared with the brain of Robert G. Ingersoll, the brain of "Billy" Sunday may have been an inferior instrument of thought, but what would Ingersoll have given for "Billy's" unquestioning faith? Ingersoll achieved fame as the great agnostic because his intellectual honesty would not permit him to affirm what he could not prove. But yearningly, almost pathetically, he hoped; and once, at his brother's grave, he gave this tragic utterance to that hope:

Life is a narrow vale between the cold and barren peaks of two eternities. We strive in vain to look beyond the heights. We cry aloud, and the only answer is the echo of our wailing cry. From the voiceless lips of the underlying dead there comes no word, but in the night of death hope sees a star, and listening love can hear the rustle of a wing.

Ingersoll wanted to believe; "Billy" Sunday believed. Which was the more fortunate? If it were possible to implant in every heart the certainty that "Billy" possessed, it would be the greatest blessing that could be conferred upon mankind.

### Rehabilitation Case Is Success

The Porter Jones family, living in a rented farm house under conditions of extreme poverty, wanted a home to call its own.

To gratify that wish, Jones located an abandoned old shack in a nearby community, which he found he could buy with a little help.

The shack was a picture of complete dilapidation. The windows and doors were gone, the porch had rotted away, the roof sagged and leaked and honeysuckle had taken the yard. There was no sign of a fence on the premises. To such a place Jones proposed to move with a wife in poor health and a brood of small children.

These circumstances were reported by the wife of a country doctor to Selma H. Hindle, home management supervisor for the rural resettlement division of the Resettlement Administration in Amelia County, Virginia.

"When I visited the family," wrote Miss Hindle, "I found Porter looking at the desolate old house. As I stood there and heard him express his desire for a home that he could call his own and point out the possibilities in the shack if he could get a little help, I caught the feeling that here was a man worthy of rehabilitation."

"After necessary arrangements had been made, the owner allowed Porter \$25 to repair the house. With this he bought windows and doors and put building paper on the walls. He arranged to heat the living room with a stove made from an oil barrel.

"He worked for lumber with which to rebuild the porch and fix the roof. The entire family went to work clearing away the honeysuckle and beneath it they found some lily bulbs which were to add much to the appearance of the place later.

"The family has raised about 150 pullets for winter layers and has gone to the woods and made pickets for a chicken yard fence. Mrs. Jones' health is better than it has been for several years. The children are happy. Charles, who didn't do so well in school, asked to be allowed to go to a CCC camp so he could apply his earnings to buying the home. He was under weight so he had his father get him a tonic. Before long I had a card from him saying he weighed enough to get in the camp. He is now in camp and happy to be helping in this way.

"One day this fall I met Porter on the road and he said, 'I have a chance to sell my old car for \$50. I don't need the car and that \$50 will build my hen house.'

"This family will not be hungry this winter. There is plenty of canned food, stored Irish potatoes, sweet potatoes, beets, turnips, carrots and cabbage, corn and wheat in the bin and three fat hogs for the winter meat. Molasses will take the place of sugar to a great extent and two cows will supply them with plenty of milk and butter.

"A small acreage of tobacco well attended this year provided funds with which Porter was able to pay back his rehabilitation loan and enlarge his poultry flock. The family will be able to finance themselves through the winter and possibly next summer.

"In this case, we feel rehabilitation has helped a worthy family to again become self-sustaining."

### Christmas Home-Coming At the Carheim Hotel

The annual holiday home-coming of the S. Q. Myers family was celebrated at the Carheim hotel in Lenoir on Christmas day as usual.

Mr. and Mrs. S. Q. Myers, well known host and hostess of the Carheim, began to scatter the holiday spirit among their guests early on Christmas eve, and the first section of the family group arrived Christmas eve. In this party was Mr. and Mrs. D. P. Crosby and their two attractive daughters, Sara and Anita, the former being at home on her vacation from King-Smith College, Washington, D. C. Their home is in Chester, S. C.

Others arriving Christmas day from out of town were Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Myers, of the Hotel Caldwell, Morganton, and two daughters, Mary Louise and Sara Quincy; Mr. and Mrs. S. L. Myers and their little daughter, Martha, of the Albemarle Hotel, Albemarle, and Mrs. Norma Cheatham, of Washington, D. C., and her daughter, Miss Norma, an Arlington Hall student. Others making up the complete circle of 18 included Mr. and Mrs. H. P. Pitts and son, Pitsy, Jr., of Lenoir.

### SURRY COUNTY MAN KILLED BY EXPOSURE

Mount Airy, Dec. 28—Arnie Norman, 25, was found dead near the Low Gap highway a short distance from Ledonia church and 18 miles northwest of this city about 10:30 a. m. today. He was believed to have died from exposure after a probable epileptic attack to which he was subject.

### LEAP YEAR



### Adjusting Contracts Aid Soil Improvement

In 1936 the agricultural adjustment programs will retire close to 500,000 acres of land from the production of cotton, tobacco, corn, wheat, rye, peanuts and Irish potatoes in North Carolina.

This will give the farmers a good opportunity to improve their land with soil-building legumes, said E. C. Blair, extension agronomist at State College. A great many farmers have been content, year after year, to cultivate large areas of poor land and secure distressingly poor yields when they could double or even treble their production by adopting a better system of farm management.

For instance, Blair pointed out, the average corn yield per acre in this state in 1934 was only 20 bushels.

Almost any farmer can increase this yield to 30 bushels by plowing under one good crop of legumes, Blair added, while farmers who have been turning under legumes regularly for several years think nothing of making 60 bushels of corn to the acre.

The average North Carolina yield of cotton in 1934 was 316 pounds to the acre. But there are records of more than 600 pounds of lint per acre raised by growers who are consistent users of legumes.

The crop adjustment contracts are designed to stimulate the growing of legumes by providing that land retired from the cultivation of basic crops may be planted to farm-improvement crops.

Such crops may be for soil-improvement or erosion prevention, pastureage, fallow, or they may be young forest trees.

Such use of the retired acreage may be in addition to the amount of land normally used on the farm for these purposes, Blair commented.

### IMPORTANT MEETING KIWANIS DIRECTORS ON JANUARY 2ND

The new and old boards of directors of the North Wilkesboro Kiwanis club will hold a meeting at Hotel Wilkes on Thursday, January 2, at 7 p. m.

Chairmen of all the committees are especially urged to have reports ready for the meeting.

**666** Colds and FEVER first day HEADACHES in 30 minutes

Liquid-Tablets Salve-Nose Drops

# HAPPY NEW YEAR!

An age-old greeting, but one that ever carries good cheer and good wishes among friends all over the world, and now we wish to join in shouting it to all our patrons and acquaintances with the greatest of sincerity.

The New Year is just ahead of us and we hope that it will bring you continued Happiness and greater Prosperity, a year filled to overflowing with good fortune.

May we take this means of expressing our gratitude for your generous patronage during 1935. We appreciate your co-operation to the fullest degree, all of which makes us more determined than ever to provide you with the very best electrical service possible in the future.

It is always a genuine pleasure to be of service to our patrons and every call will receive our most prompt attention.

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