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New Year Banquet Shows Variations All Around World

Feasting has always been an important part of the celebration of New Year's and menus differ around the world.

The New Year's Day bouquet in England and Western Europe is similar to our American feast, chief difference being in the choice of side dishes. Turkey, duck or goose makes the popular roast in England, with plum pudding topping off the meal.

Turkey is again found in France, although capon and pheasant are as popular. The holiday fowls of the Latin countries are bedecked with truffles, chestnuts and olives and one might find snails on a menu in France.

An important dish among the Spaniards is sopa, rice cooked with olive oil, tomatoes, vegetables and meat particles. Africans partake of cous-cous, which is composed of wheat grains, lamb and vegetables.

Pickled greens, raw fish, roast bird and shrimp fritters are headliners among the Japanese, with pickled chrysanthemum petals considered a delicacy. The Swedes

temper their feast with a special drink called glögg, which is a claret wine sweetened with sugar and flavored with almonds, raisins, dried orange peel, cinnamon, cloves and cardamom. It is usually set afire before serving.

Production of coal in Spanish mines in the first four months of 1951 amounted to 3,037,000 tons, equivalent to less than two days production in privately-owned U. S. mines.

To Reduce
Colds
Take 666



HAPPY NEW YEAR!
These words will soon ring around the world, but it won't sound the same everywhere.

For instance, should you be in gay Páree, this is the greeting: "Bonne Annee!" Across the waters in Spain, natives say, "Feliz Ano Nuevo!" In sunny Italy, it's "Buon Capo d'Anne!"

Most of the above greetings we can almost decipher. It is the salute of countries like Germany, Norway and Sweden that are sharp tongue-twisters. For example, Germans wish a happy new year with, "Ein Glueckliches Neues Jahr." Sweden and Norway are a little simpler, but still ticklish. The Swedes say, "Got Nytt Ar", and the Norse "Godt Nytt Aar."

None-the-less, it still means, "Happy New Year."

Soldiers' Problem In Transportation

Pre-Christmas transportation got all snarled up for many servicemen, and others, too. Ice-covered fields in the East and late train schedules caused some to wonder if they would be able to reach home for the holiday.

Bob Smith and Jack Abel, stationed at Cherry Point, managed to pick a free flight to their home in New York. All were happy that morning when they "took off" for Floyd Bennett Field. As they neared Philadelphia, they were advised that no landings were being made at Floyd Bennett. There were no landings at Philadelphia either, so the plane returned to its base. That evening at 10:00 o'clock, Marines Smith and Abel were standing at the intersection of 64 and 17 in Williamston, using the old thumb method. Finding U. S. 17 asleep, the young men switched to U. S. 301 and were last seen in Rocky Mount, feverishly working their thumbs and looking toward the north in freezing weather.

Then there was the little fellow who had traveled all the way from Colorado. He had made his way as far as Wilson where he learned shortly before midnight that there was no more public transportation to his home town of Kenly until the next morning at 9:40 o'clock. During the meantime, he learned that the wash room in one of Wilson's hotels had been locked up for the night.

There was a fourth serviceman whose mother in New Jersey, after seeing the crash of a big airliner that cost the lives of 64 persons, had advised him to stay off planes even if it meant walking home. He finally made it to Wilson where he caught a midnight train about 2:30 o'clock. During the meantime, the long silver-streak trains literally "flew" north and south without even stopping.

Old Irish Started 'Baking the Cake'

Old Erin had one of the most unusual New Year's day celebrations to be found anywhere. Called "baking the cake", it was a favorite with Irish peasants.

Proud husbands would invite all their friends over to participate in the ceremony and partake of the "gude woman's baking."

When the cake was fully prepared, the eldest son took it and hurled it with all his force against the door. Everyone scrambled to pick up the pieces, for, according to the superstition, he who picked up the first fragment to touch the floor would have a home and a New Year's cake to share the next year.

The Soil Conservation Service was created by Congress in 1935.



FIVE MINUTES MORE . . . Here's a clock with a hand like a foot, which doesn't seem to detract a bit from its face. If you can do this trick at five minutes to 12 on New Year's Eve, you're entitled to a Happy New Year.

Christmas Shopping Up To Expectations

Williamston merchants had one of their best Christmas shopping seasons, according to reports from a cross section of local business establishments. Business in general was even better than generally expected, according to most reports.

Crowds on the streets during the week preceding Christmas were large, and traffic from one store to another was heavy. Toys and other special Christmas gift merchandise were reported to have moved in good volume, and it is understood that carry-overs

will be small in most stores. Shoppers bought heavily of practical items for gifts, it is reported, in addition to toys and other gift merchandise. Furniture dealers especially reported business as better than a year ago, and there were some big items in the lot bought as gifts for entire families. Appliance dealers also did well with family gift items.

Buying power generally was better than last year. Farm crops were better this year, yields being considerably above those of a year ago, while prices were as good or better than last year.

New Year's Big Day In Japan

One of the happiest days on the Japanese calendar is the first day of the year. No matter how poor a man may be, he always manages to have a set of new clothes to wear when he visits all his friends on New Year's Day.

Celebrations in the land of the rising sun sometimes last as long

as two weeks. Even the poorest of the land refrain from work for at least three or four days in order to celebrate.

At midnight on New Year's Eve the bells ring out loud and clear and a carnival atmosphere dominates the country.

Equipment being used by farmers is valued at more than \$5 billion.

Did Washington Hold Open House?

American historians credit George Washington with starting the custom of receiving friends, or holding "open house" on New Year's day.

In the year 1790 New York was the seat of the government and President Washington made a practice of opening the doors of the presidential mansion for a reception on each New Year's day. Home and foreign diplomats, and ordinary citizens as well, visited.

Washington was said to have expressed the hope that the observance might continue through

Physicians' Draft Again Postponed By Army

The Defense Department has postponed, for the second time, draft calls for 485 physicians and explained that the military services were getting enough volunteers. Physicians who wait to be drafted do not receive a \$100 monthly bonus that goes to volunteers.

Milk and egg production so far this year are holding almost level with a year earlier despite the somewhat shorter feed supplies and rising farm costs. The years. His wish was granted, for it is still a custom at the White House.

Laborers Wanted WHITE or COLORED

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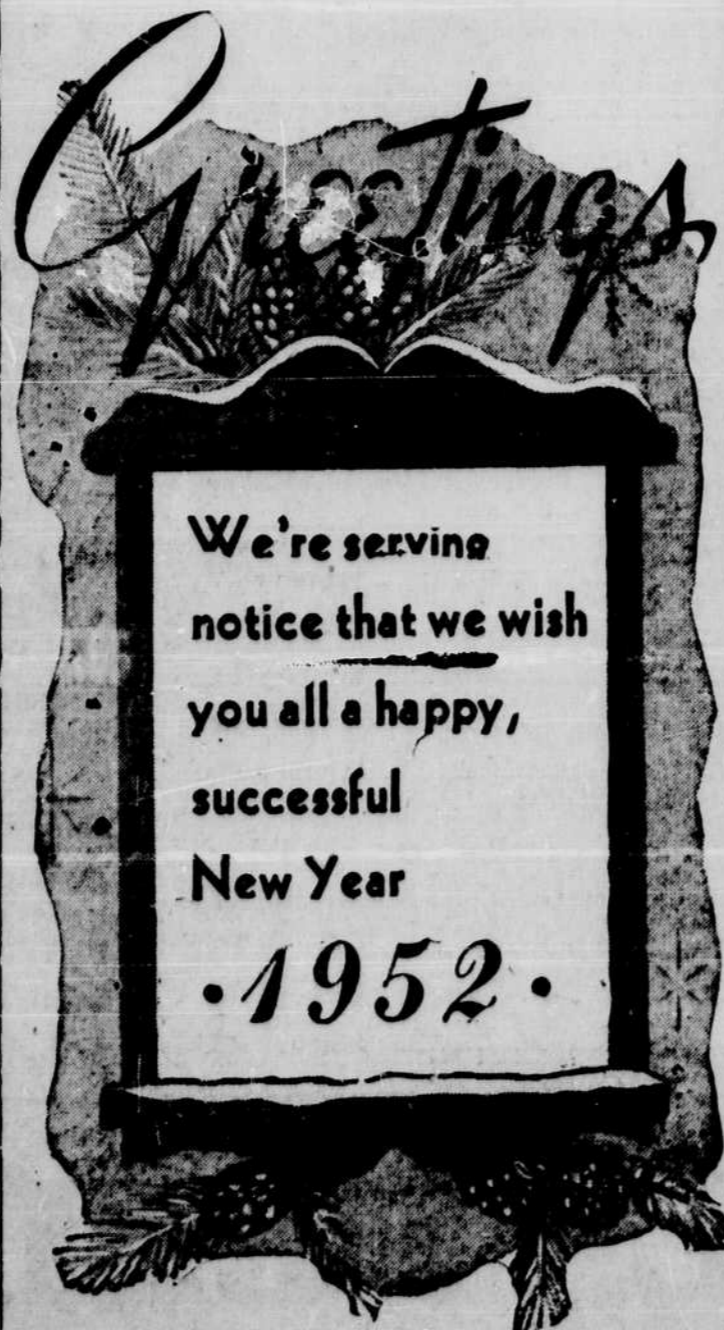
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