

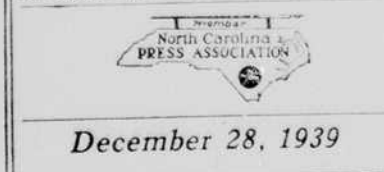
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Ring Out the Old, Ring in the New

The approach of the new year brings us all to a pause; and, as we look back over the days that have gone and review the happenings in retrospect, we cannot fail but find many opportunities which we missed, many things left undone which should have been done, and too many important things neglected.

Yet, withal, to most of us the current year has been most kind, and even a casual review will prove that we have countless thousands of things for which to be thankful. We may not have made as much money as we wanted to, but we have lived. We may not have all the other things we wanted, but we do have most of the things we really needed—and that alone should send 1939 down in the pages of history as a year which was very good to us.

We had happy days and sad days in 1939, and we will have them again in 1940. We have the experiences of 1939 to guide us in the coming year, and if we repeat our mistakes and neglect of opportunities we will have no one to blame but ourselves. The new year will bring

new problems, but it will also bring the means of meeting such problems if we but use the intelligence we are endowed with.

It is a season for making resolutions. As we hang our 1940 calendars we find there is an extra day, or, a total of 366 spotless sheets on which to write the record of our lives for another year. Let us determine here and now that no action of ours shall be one which we will be ashamed to see written there when we come to ring down the curtain on 1940 one year hence. Living up to such a resolution will make 1940 the best year of our lives, and that is as it should be, for if we cannot hope to improve then dark and dismal is the prospect for our world.

Next to Church and School

We have had quite a bit to say relative to the fine work being done and the opportunities presented by the Plymouth Building and Loan Association, which is putting its ninth series of installment stock on sale January 1st. However, it remained for Federal Circuit Judge Johnson J. Hayes and the editor of the *Elkin Tribune* to pay what we consider one of the finest tributes to building and loan work we have ever seen.

The following editorial, entitled "Next To Church and School," appeared in the *Elkin* newspaper some time ago and expresses sentiments to which we subscribe most heartily:

"Addressing the district meeting of the North Carolina Building and Loan League last week Judge Johnson J. Hayes rightly, we think, declared after our schools and churches the Building and Loan Associations are serving better than any other agency in promoting good citizenship and forwarding the interests of our national economy. It is that way because good citizenship is lifted to higher ground through home ownership and the practice of laying aside part of one's earnings, no matter how meager they may be.

"Judge Hayes stressed the fact that there should be more installment-saving and less installment-paying. Right now the latter is a fault of serious proportions in this land—this

Clear Weather, Dry Roads Scene of Most Accidents



Old Man Weather is blamed for a great many things, but how responsible is he for automobile accidents?

The answer is given in the booklet "Lest We Regret," ninth annual safety booklet published by the Travelers Insurance Company in the interests of safe driving.

Last year there were about seven and a half times as many accidents in clear weather as there were during fog, rain, or snow. Out of a total of 29,300 fatal accidents in 1938, only 500 occurred in fog weather, only 820 happened in snow and only 3,280 in rain. The remainder, 24,700 or nearly 85% of the total, occurred in clear weather.

Even more interesting is the analysis of actual road conditions prevailing in accidents, which reveals that 77% of all fatal accidents happened on dry roads. When



roads are wet or slippery and driving seems to be dangerous, drivers apparently slow down and increase their alertness. On wet roads only 5,100 fatal accidents occurred, on icy roads only 1,080, and on snowy roads only 560.

The figures indicate that clear weather and dry roads encourage speeding, and speed is known to be the largest single factor in the annual slaughter on our highways.

mortgaging of the individual's future to secure immediate luxuries that are so easily translated into personal needs.

"And it is an inexcusable fault that with the machinery for installment-saving made available by the building and loan associations, such a small per cent of our people are taking advantage of it. These associations were conceived and established in the interest of the wage earner and those with small incomes, and while it is meant to serve especially in providing a safe and easy and reasonable way to build homes, the value of periodic saving is by no means the least important objective of the building and loan program, whether the shareholder has the homing urge or not.

"It is significant that the 176 building and loan associations in North Carolina financed the construction or repairs of 113,000 homes in this State in 1938. It is reasonable to assume that a large percentage of these would not have eventuated but for the availability of this service.

"And it is gratifying to know that North Carolina associations showed a gain of 12 per cent in assets in 1938, standing in fifth place among the States in this respect. This comes from good business management and from the high character of those who head every single organization in the State. For it is a fact that even back yonder when banks were "busting" in our faces the building and loan associations kept to an even keel with no losses for anybody.

"If this paper could influence only a few of our folks, particularly the younger ones, who are taking advantage of the service our local building and loan association provides, to become shareholders, we would feel that we had contributed a lot to the good of the community and to the future of those directly concerned."

Rambling R...About

By THE RAMBLER

Immemorial custom has celebrated the first day of the year with festivals. New Year's Day has always been a legal holiday in this country. It will be observed this year climaxed with a dance at the Plymouth Country Club.

Consider this:
Time was is past—thou canst not it recall;
Time is thou hast—employ the portion small;
Time future is not and may never be;
Time present is the only time for thee.

The Value of Leisure Time
Where they work much in gold the very dust is carefully gathered up for the few grains of gold that may be thus saved. From this should be learned the value of spare moments. Clean up its golden dust, economize with tenfold care those raspings and parings of existence, those leavings of days and bits of hours, so valueless singly, so inestimable in the aggregate, and you will be rich in leisure. Rely upon it if you are miser of moments, if you hoard up and turn to good account odd minutes and half hours and unexpected holidays and five-minute gaps while the table is spreading, your careful gleanings at the end of life will form a colossal and solid block of time and you will be wealthier in accomplishments than thousands whose time is all their own.

A New Year's Song
They say the year is old and gray,
That his eyes are dim with sorrow;
But what care we, though he pass away?
For the New Year comes tomorrow.

No sighs have we for the roses fled,
No tears for the vanished summer;
Fresh flowers will spring where the old are dead,
To welcome the glad newcomer.

He brings us a gift from the beautiful land,
We see in our rosy dreaming.

Where the wonderful castles of fancy stand,
In magical sunshine gleaming.

Then sing, young hearts that are full of cheer,
With never a thought of sorrow;
The old goes out, but the glad young year
Comes merrily in tomorrow.

To the Young Folks
Amid the merriment with which the new year is ushered in it is well to remember that time is one of the most valuable assets that is granted to humanity. Time should be treasured and improved. Another milestone in the century has been reached and time marches on. Renewed determination should be made that time from now on would be used to the best advantage.

A New Year's Prayer
Poised on the threshold of a new year, grant me the ability to know the right, grant me the courage to follow the dictates of my conscience. Give me courage to stand alone or die alone, for what I conceive to be a right principle. Let me not follow any individual or class if either are moving in the wrong direction. Let honor, courage purity and consideration for others be the moving power of my life for 1940. Let me stand firm when temptation is greatest. If I be granted these things, I shall maintain my integrity, and in so doing I can look beyond material things to see a bigger and better life for me.

The Success Family
The father of success is—work; the mother of success is—ambition; the oldest son is—common sense; some of the boys are—perseverance, honesty, thoroughness, foresight, enthusiasm, cooperation; the oldest daughter is—character; some of the sisters are—cheerfulness, loyalty, courtesy, care, economy, sincerity; the baby is—opportunity; get acquainted with the "old man" and you will be able to get along pretty well with the rest of the family.

New Year's Wish To You
The Rambler wishes each and every one all the good things in life for 1940. May happiness, peace, health and prosperity follow each of you during every minute of the coming year, and this wish holds good for the new decade also, 1940 to 1950—and may you continue to read the Rambler.

SULPHUR
Sulphur applied to peanuts in tests conducted with five Edgemont County farmers seems to give good results in controlling leaf spot, says Farm Agent J. C. Powell.

TESTED
Every herd of cattle in the United States has been tested for tuberculosis at least once, announces the U. S. Bureau of Agricultural Economics.

J. M. Clagon, formerly chairman of the board of Washington County commissioners, believes he has a scuppernon grape vine on his farm near Roper that is nearly 100 years of age.



Sulphur dusting to control leaf spots on peanuts is profitable. A dusted acre on W. D. Phelps's farm made a yield of 1728 pounds of peanuts as compared to an untreated acre which made a yield of 1410 pounds. There was better than 10 per cent increase in the way of hay and vines after picking and more than a 25 per cent increase in the quality of hay on the treated acre. Practically all the leaves remained on the dusted peanuts when harvested. The treated acre of peanuts sold for \$11.13 more per acre than the untreated acre. The cost of sulphur dust was about \$3.50 per acre.

The potato outlook for 1940 indicates a 10 per cent increase in the acreage to be planted in the early

producing states. Under normal conditions a large crop may be marketed in May and June. The effect of favorable business conditions on potato prices may be tremendously offset by this increase in production. A summary of marketing conditions by Mr. Merker does not look any too favorable for 1940. The war situation may cause the markets to be in the growers favor and then again it might be exactly the opposite.

Much of the trouble we had with our work stock comes from neglect of horses and mules after the regular farm season is over. Many of our horses and mules fail to get sufficient salt and water to keep their digestion system in order. This is especially true where peanut hay is fed. Block salt is good but a box of loose salt where the stock can get to it at all times is much better. Close attention to the bedding of stables should be paid. Wet or damp bedding causes foot rot infestation and in many cases the feet to knuckle under.

Peach trees should be treated for borers before the weather gets too severe. Di-Chloro Mulson is one of the most effective and most economical treatments. This is a preparation which can be obtained locally. Fruit trees should be pruned at this time and all pruned twigs and limbs should be burned. Dormant sprays should also be used as soon as possible.

MOPPING
Where they mopped their cotton with molasses and calcium arsenate to control boll weevils, Ernest, Otis, and F. C. Best, of the Snow Hill 4-H Club, harvested one-third more cotton.

Just for The Record ...

Six months ago, when the Brewers and North Carolina Beer Distributors Committee was formed, a definite and sincere promise was made to the public.

We pledged the aid of this industry to the law-enforcement agencies in seeing that retailers of beer operate their establishments in accordance with the law and public sentiment.

That promise is being carried out—and will be carried out permanently. The record shows that in the past our months, the legal beer industry in this state has assisted authorities in bringing about the revocation of 34 licenses.

You can help your law-enforcement authorities and this awakened industry by giving your patronage only to reputable beer dealers—who deserve it.

Brewers and North Carolina Beer Distributors Committee
EDGAR H. BAIN, State Director
SUITE 813-17 COMMERCIAL BUILDING RALEIGH, N. C.

All Property

1940 Real and Personal Property and Poll Taxes Must Be Listed in January TO ESCAPE PENALTIES

Tax Listers' Schedule

(Tax Listers Will Be At Following Places Between the Hours of 9:00 A. M. and 5:00 P. M.):

PLYMOUTH TOWNSHIP	
Courthouse	January 2 to 31
LEES MILL TOWNSHIP	
Roper: Phelps & Freeman Store	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 10, 11, 12, 13, 15, 18, 19, 20, 22, 23, 27, 29 & 31
Westover: T. R. Chesson Store	8 and 9
Mackeys: Davenport's Store	16, 17 and 24
Pleasant Grove: Tarkenton's Service Station	25 and 26
Wenona: State Farm	30th
SKINNERSVILLE TOWNSHIP	
White's Store	15 and 22
Joe Pritchard's Store	2, 9, 16 and 23
E. Pritchett's Store	3, 10, 17 and 24
E. W. Patrick's Store	4, 11, 18 and 25
At Home	5, 6, 8, 12, 13, 19, 20, 26; 27; 29; 30 and 31
SCUPPERNONG TOWNSHIP	
Creswell	2, 5, 6, 8, 12, 13, 15, 16, 19, 20, 22, 26, 27, 29, 30 and 31
Cherry	3, 10, 17 and 24
Mount Tabor: Bateman's Store	9 and 23
New Lands: Phelps' Store	4 and 8
Ambrose Road (Davenport's Store)	11 and 25

In Making Their Farm Reports This Year, Farmers Must Report Their 1939 Plantings



VIRGINIA ELECTRIC AND POWER CO.

In Accordance With the Law

1 Per Cent Penalty

WILL BE CHARGED ON ALL UNPAID 1939 TAXES FOR

TOWN of PLYMOUTH

IF NOT PAID BY FEBRUARY 1st

P. W. BROWN

TAX COLLECTOR TOWN OF PLYMOUTH

Penalty Advances in Amount Monthly Beginning FEBRUARY 1ST